

#102 UNDERSTANDING THE IMPORTANCE OF WORDS

Q: “Confessing scriptures seems like it is just a superstition. If God is in control and blesses whomever He wants, and something bad happens in my life, what difference does it make what I say or don't say?”

JAMES 3:3-6 "Behold, we put bits in horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships: which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, and it defileth the whole body, and setteth on the fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell."

A: Many ships and lives are shipwrecked because they are steered into a path of darkness. If you don't want your life to be sour or your body to be sick, then why do you keep steering it that way? If you don't want your own life, marriage, or children to fail, why do you keep telling everybody that they are worthless? Steer yourself and your family to life and health with your tongue!

JAMES 3:10 "Out of the same mouth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so."

A: Consider how quickly a sweet child, a healthy body, a good life, a good marriage, is steered toward destruction by the unnecessary repeating of small mistakes, thereby giving glory to every doubt & fear!

JOB 22:28 "Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways."

A: You establish in your life the very thing that you declare each day! You and all those around you respond to what you say. You create an atmosphere around you by your words that will either encourage growth, healing & life, or doubt & death: of dreams, of health, and of relationships.

DEUTERONOMY 30:14, 15, 19 "But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. See, I have set before thee this day life and good, death and evil; I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live."

A: Could it be that things keep going wrong because you keep saying how wrong things are? You can choose to kill your life, word by word criticizing everyone and everything around you, or you can choose life for your life, word by word. Jesus came into your heart so that you can have life in your life!

JOHN 10:10 "The thief commeth not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they may have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

A: God is alive in you and He does not want you to fail! God wants you to hear the voice of His Spirit in you and to follow the life-giving directions of His word - but you cannot hear His voice if you will not stop complaining! God has given us authority to overcome circumstances, if we will say and do what He taught us to say and do.

MATTHEW 28:18-20 "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

A: All authority was given to Jesus and when you receive Him as your Savior, Jesus lives in you through His Holy Spirit! You do not have to continue in powerlessness! Authority to act in Jesus name was not just for the twelve disciples but for ALL WHO BELIEVE – and that means you and me!

MARK 16:17-18 "And these signs shall follow THEM THAT BELIEVE: in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

JAMES 1:6-7 "...For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord."

A: What do you believe? Whatever you believe will follow you! If you doubt, then unbelief and powerlessness will follow you, and you will not receive anything from God. If you choose to believe what Jesus said, then the fruit of faith, healing and wholeness will follow you. Jesus gives you keys to open up new life for yourself and others in Him, but you have to use them.

MATTHEW 16:19 "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

A: Jesus said that if you believe, the same works that He did would continue in you because He lives in you. Jesus in you, gives you authority through prayer, to heal broken hearts, sickness, bind up the wounded, loose wickedness, and break the heavy yoke of sin binding up God's people.

ISAIAH 58:6 "Is this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?"

A: Bad things will continue to happen because we live in a sinful world, but Jesus came to make you free! Jesus in you can set you and others free if you will let Him. God wants you to be consistent in your walk with Him. It is very important to control our tongue, because we show what we believe by what we say.

JAMES 1:26 *"If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain."*

Q: "Why can't I seem to help what I say? Negative, anxious, critical foul words "pop" out when I'm worried, or sick, or mad. Surely God won't hold me accountable?"

MATTHEW 12:35-37 *"A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."*

Q: "I guess God does want me to take what I say more seriously, but what if that's just the way I am and I will never change? I keep trying but I just can't do it."

ROMANS 8:11 *"But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you."*

A: It is up to you to choose life, but you are right that you cannot change on your own. It is Jesus in you who will raise your lifeless words to new life by the power of His Spirit at work in you. If Jesus can raise a whole dead body, He can certainly raise a tongue! But you must be willing to follow Him.

ROMANS 12:2 *"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."*

A: Transform your mind! Even secular psychologists know that the brain rewires itself when you continuously speak and follow negative or positive patterns: it is because God designed your brain that way! Rewire your brain with the Word of God! Get into God's pattern and stop talking like an unbeliever! Quit filling up on the garbage (TV, movies, books, gossipy people words, that just keep "popping" out of your mouth. Get into the life-giving word and stay in the word until you get full and LIFE starts "popping" out of your mouth!

PSALM 119:11 *"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."*

PRAYER: *Merciful Heavenly Father, I ask your forgiveness for hindering Your plan for my life with my mouth. Help me to see things as you do and count all things that come as joy, knowing that you are working everything in my life together for your glory. This day dear Jesus, I choose to obey You and follow you with my whole heart, I choose life! Bless me Father to be so filled with your word and your Holy Spirit that I will find myself in your plan and your will for my life each day, living my life for Your glory, **in Jesus name, Amen.***

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