

## THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

Most people do not realize the power of their tongue! Do not be hung by your tongue!

Proverbs 18:21 says “Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it and indulge it will eat its fruit and bear the consequences of their words.”

You use your tongue to steer your life. Your tongue is to your life as your steering wheel is to your car. Turn your words to the good. Speak LIFE, and BLESSINGS not DEATH, nor CURSINGS.

You can change your life with your words. Our words give us away. They locate us. We should always speak the increase not the decrease. The glass is half full, not half empty.

Don't ever say negative things about yourself, nor your situation nor your spouse, or others. Always speak good and positive things. Change what you say and change yourself and your situations.

Affirmations are “Self Talk.” Look in the mirror and speak positive things to your self!! (John uses 3x5 cards) GOD's medicine = the “Gospill”

James 3:3-4 “Now if you put bits into horse mouths to make them obey us, we guide their whole body as well. And look at ships. Even though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are directed by a very small rudder where over the impulse of the helmsman determines.” AMP

Proverbs 13:2-3 The words of the wise are kind and easy to swallow, but the unbeliever just wants to pick a fight and argue. Guard your words and you will guard your life, but if you don't control your tongue, it will ruin everything.  
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Proverbs 16 and 24 Nothing is more appealing than speaking beautiful, life giving words. For they release sweetness to our souls and inner healing to our spirits. TPT

Proverbs 21:23 Watch your words and be careful what you say, and you'll be surprised by how few troubles you'll have. TPT

The Bible compares this to our tongue. A small bit steers horses, and a tiny rudder steers big ships! Words are the most powerful force in the universe!

Think before you speak! Be slow to speak, listen more. This is why the good LORD gave us two ears but just one mouth!!

Spiritual forces are in your mouth. Blessings and curses, good and bad! Do not shoot yourself with your own weapon – Your Mouth! We all know the story of how Jesus cursed the fig tree . . . [Share the Key Lime Tree story]

Psalms 141:3 says “Set a guard O LORD over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips (to keep me from speaking thoughtlessly).” AMP

Pleasant words are sweeter than honey! Sweet and delightful to the soul and healing to the body!

Proverbs 30:5 “Every word of GOD is tested and refined [like silver]; He is a shield to those who trust and take refuge in Him.” AMP

Remember hearing the schoolyard bully “name calling” you? And you would say that old adage “Sticks and stones will break my bones, but words will never hurt me” ... Well as we can see, bullying is a real big problem in this day and age, especially with social media and teenagers!! Words carry a powerful charge in them just like an electric current. The question is are we sowing good seeds or bad seeds? Positive charge or negative charge? Are we shocking people with our words hurting them, or are we encouraging them? Words do have definite consequences. Once the daggum cat gets out of the bag, it is next to impossible to catch him, and stuff him back in the bag. Raaaaoooooh FFFT, FFFT !!! Ever try to rope a jello cat? That is one rodeo my friend, that is like Mr. Toad's wild ride!! You can say you are sorry until the cows come home, but once the damage is done, you have a fine mess on your hands.

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:10 “The one who wants to enjoy life and see good days, must keep his tongue from speaking evil and his lips from speaking guile, treachery, and deceit.

Ephesians 4:29 says: “Don’t let unwholesome words ever come out of your mouth but only such speech as is good for building up others, so that it will be a blessing to those who hear you speak. “

NOW, Let’s talk about GOD’S Word!

GOD’s words are THE most powerful! GOD’s Words have creative power! God spoke the universe and worlds into being with HIS Word! As a born again child of GOD, made in His image, you also can speak God’s creative Words over your life and situations!

Proverbs 4:20 – 22 says “My son, pay attention to my words and be willing to learn; open your eyes to my sayings. Do not let them escape from your sight; Keep them in your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and healing and health to all their flesh.”

The most powerful weapon in the world is the WORD of GOD.  
GOD’s Words are THE most powerful force in the universe!!

Matthew 4:4 says: “It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of GOD!”

How did this all begin? Lets take a look . . .

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with GOD, and the Word was GOD. He was in the beginning with GOD. All things were made by Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. NKJV

Now let's go to the 1<sup>st</sup> book in the Bible – Genesis... What is the main theme of Chapter 1? “And GOD said let there be “... GOD spoke, and everything came into existence!!

At the end of Chapter 1 GOD stated: “GOD saw everything that HE made, and said “It was very good” – (GOD spoke everything into a physical reality).

If it was good enough for GOD, do you think it might be good enough for you?

Speak it until you see it, speak it until you see it, speak it until you see it, Speak it until you see it!!

God never does anything without saying it first. GOD is a FAITH GOD. GOD released HIS faith in WORDS!

These principles of faith are based on spiritual laws. They work for whoever will apply these laws. You set them into motion by the words of your mouth! Who's words will you establish on earth? The power of binding and loosing is given to the ekklesia as the ruling counsel on earth! We the called out, chosen people of GOD and it is our duty to call heaven down to earth. Take dominion!!

We enjoy listening to Charles Capps, and he shared this: If Jesus came to you personally and said: From this day forward it will come to pass that everything you say will happen exactly as you say it; would that change your vocabulary?

I believe it would. Hello somebody!!

Charles Capps also said this: Words are like containers. They carry faith or fear, and they produce like a seed, after their kind.

Every faith filled word, principle, every spiritual law that GOD set forth in HIS Word was for your benefit. It was designed to put you over in life!!

Let us train ourselves to speak GOD's Words.

When you study the life of Jesus, you find several important facts that caused Him to overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil.

I will list a few:

- 1) He spent much time in prayer, but He never prayed the problem; He prayed the ANSWER.
- 2) He spoke accurate, never crooked speech. His conversations always consisted of what GOD said
- 3) He always spoke the end results, not the problem. Never did He confess present circumstances. He spoke the desired results.
- 4) He used the written Word to defeat Satan.

Remember how Jesus spoke the Word of God to defeat Satan in the desert:

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The Word of God conceived in the heart, formed by the tongue, and spoken out of the mouth is CREATIVE POWER!! God's Creative Power!

Here is a silly story that was not funny at the time it happened to me, but in hindsight it was hilarious . . .Have you ever been ticked off about something and find yourself complaining about it, getting caught up in frustration and not being mindful of the words coming out of your mouth? One time I was blustering about a project I was working on being a "pain in the butt" well...low and behold...I developed hemorrhoids the next day!!

The bottom line is this: (no pun intended)

When you have negative thoughts or are experiencing a negative situation, DO NOT let those thoughts materialize into negative words!! Think before you speak!!

You have the mind of Christ! Corinthians 2:16 For who has known the mind and purposes of the LORD, so as to instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ [to be guided by His thoughts and purposes].

2 Corinthians 10:5 We are destroying sophisticated arguments and every exalted and proud thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,  
Ephesians 5:25 -27 "... Christ also loved the [ekklesia] and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify the [ekklesia], having cleansed her by the washing of the water of the word, so that He might present the [ekklesia] to Himself in glorious splendor without spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy [set apart for God] and blameless." AMP  
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Choose who you are going to serve (GOD: His Words and good words) or (Satan : Negative words, gossip, swearing, curses).

Now that we know how powerful GOD's words are, and how our words also affect us, and our circumstances, and the people around us, choose to speak encouragement and blessings over our loved ones, friends and folks that cross our paths. Choose to speak life!

Let's PRAY: