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## How Big is Your Mouth?

The whole world operates in unison depending on what they say and agree to. A man is known by his words, his word is his bond, his obligation.

*James 3:5 The tongue is a small member, but it boasts great things.*

The words our tongue utters will have a profound impact on our life one way or another. Our words or our confession originate with thoughts. God is more than willing to share His thoughts with us, but so is the devil.

*Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end.*

If God says He knows what He thinks about us and our life, then He is willing to share those thoughts with us. We were created to hear God's thoughts and the devil always emulates our Lord. Whatever we hear God think, it will always have an element of His peace associated with it. When we hear the devil's thoughts they will always have an element of fear attached to them. If we accept and believe what we hear we will speak it out. If it's from

the Lord He will confirm it with signs and wonders. If we speak out the devil's thoughts we will have failure and destruction. The Holy Spirit speaks very little but His little translates into volumes. If we repeat everything the devil thinks we will have what we call a "big mouth". A mouth full of opposition that we speak to our own demise.

*Psalm 141:3 Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, hold the key to my lips.*

Evidently David needed help to control what was coming out of his mouth. If we could always just speak the right things we wouldn't need the Lord to help. We are not near as good as we give

*Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed (restored) by the Word of God.*

God has given us the power to frame our own world with His Word. What would you think of a man who set out to build a house. One day he would begin to frame it and the next day he would tear it down and start over. Now if the man would do this every day, would the house ever be built? If we go through the day confessing God's Word and simultaneously confess the curse of this world we will not have what God says we could have. We are no smarter than the man building and tearing down what he was building.

what are you  
**SAYING?**

ourselves credit for, we need help and we must be willing to ask. Kenneth Copeland has always said; if you plan to live by faith then you must practice the vocabulary of silence. We all have a tendency to repeat the clichés of the world, they are clever but destructive.

The world has taught us to speak its language, we didn't just begin to speak it. Now, God wants to teach us to talk like He does, it's a whole new language with a whole lot better results.

Words matter and we must always be cognizant of what comes out of our mouth.

## So, Whatcha Say?

Someone once said that the definition of Christianity is the great confession. Paul said in the Book of Romans that we must confess with our mouth and believe in our heart. So, do we just make one biblical confession and we are done?

*2 Timothy 1:13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which you have heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ.*

Once we begin to speak God's Word, which is His will, we must hold fast and keep on declaring His Word until we have what we say. Some of the things we confess we will have in this life, but some things will not be ours until we leave our corruptible bodies. Why is our confession so important? We are in a war of attrition.

**Attrition:** A prolonged war or period of conflict during which each side seeks to gradually wear out the other by a series of small scale actions.

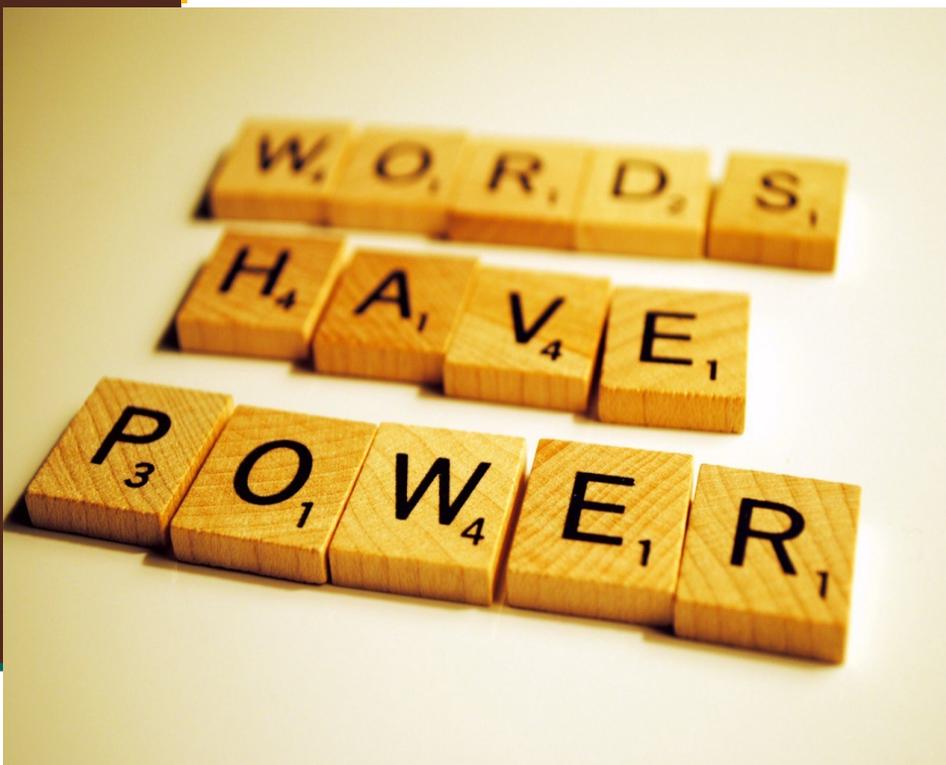
God gave us His Word which is called the **Sword of the Spirit**, it is one of the weapons of our warfare. The devil is a thief, he has come to kill, destroy and steal all our blessings. There is one thing the devil has no might against and that is the Word of God. Confessing God's Words pleases the Lord and it keeps the devil at bay. The devil celebrates when he can find a Christian that does not speak the Word, but they speak in line with the world. The devil is a legalist, he will use our negative confessions against us and leave us in a stupor.

*Hebrews 3:14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence (confessions) stedfast unto the end.*

If we will stay connected to Jesus by speaking what He gave us to speak, then we will have everything God gave to Him! When we were born-again we became joint heirs with Christ, the devil is not pleased with our decision. The devil wanted to take God's place in heaven and it cost him his place in the spirit realm. But the devil is the epitome of a sore loser, he thinks that if men will speak like he thinks, then he is their god. The devil is the great deceiver because he is deceived and he deceived his own self! He does not like to be reminded where he will spend eternity, but we don't care what he likes or dislikes, the truth is the truth and that's that.

*Luke 4:4 And Jesus answered the devil, saying, it is written, that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word of God.*

Jesus clobbered the devil with the sword of the Spirit, our Bible is full of swords. No matter what the devil comes at us with, we have a sword to put him to flight. We must learn to stop straddling the fence! Don't talk trash and invite the devil into your life and then turn around and use the Word of God on him. He's pretty quick in responding to a bad confession but slow to respond to a good confession. Words matter and we must always be cognizant of what comes out of our mouth.



## Words Matter

I may be the typical kid growing up in a dysfunctional family, I was constantly told I was worthless and would never amount to anything. When you are constantly barraged with these words you tend to believe them, especially when they come from authoritative figures. I was labeled a "rebellious" child because I was determined to prove all my critics wrong. Condemnation didn't just come from my family, but also my teachers, classmates and friends.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** *If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away, and all things are become new.*

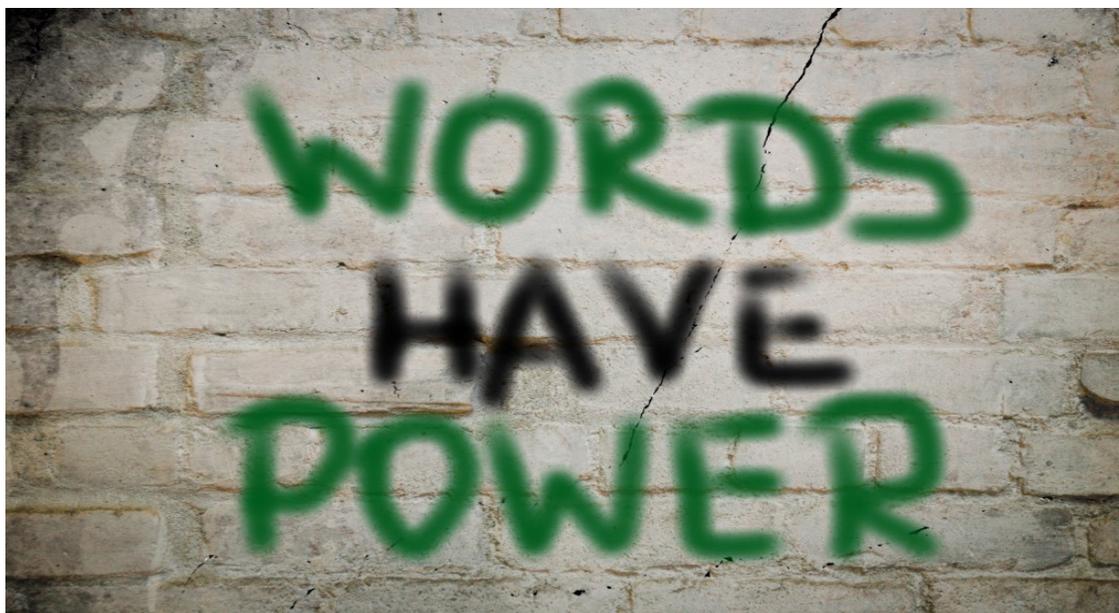
cause they do not fit the new man, he is a child of God above everything else.

**Proverbs 26:2** *You have a little fear from an undeserved curse as from the dart of a wren or the swoop of a swallow.*

When you become a child of God, every negative word people speak over you will mean nothing. A negative word is something men speak over us that they want to happen. They have no power over our lives because we are not citizens of their world, we are strangers and pilgrims just passing through. Now we have a

We must stop repeating what people say about us and begin to speak what Father says about us. It is said that old habits die hard, maybe so, but all bad habits must come to an end. We do not become an accomplished saint over night, we must grow to maturity. My childhood as a new-born babe in Christ has been the best time of my life, it has been a time of discovery and joy. I no longer put road blocks in my life, I have learned to speak words of justification over my life.

I now have a filter over my life, everything I speak and what others speak of me goes through the Holy Ghost. My



In God's eyes a born-again believer is a brand new babe and totally innocent, but the babe must grow into the image God has for them. How does a convert become this new creature? By listening to what their Heavenly Father says over them. He calls us righteous, blessed, victorious, innocent, sons, highly favored, healed and saved. When the Father speaks His Word over us and we believe Him, then we conform to the image of His dear Son. Old things begin to fade away be-

choice, we can listen to uncircumcised men and believe what they say or we can listen to our Heavenly Father and believe what He says. All those things people spoke over me as a boy have not come to pass, every day now God's Word is working mightily in me.

**Mathew 12:37** *For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned.*

friend the Holy Spirit gives me witness and puts every word in a category, I know what words are good and what words are not so good.

*If you believe you can, you're right. If you believe you can't, you're right.*

God's Word has convinced me that I can do all things through Christ Jesus Who strengthens me.

**When the Father speaks His Word over us and we believe Him, then we conform to the image of His dear Son.**

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## Don't Repeat Whatcha See

As a young boy I always wanted to do what I saw everyone else do and my parents always nailed me with that ever popular cliché.

*If all your friends all went and jumped in the lake, would you follow them in?*

We have been trained by the world to speak out what we see. When Jesus was crossing the lake with His disciples they said the "wind is boisterous", they spoke out and said "we will perish". They woke up Jesus but He would not speak out what they said, He rebuked the wind and it became calm.

*Romans 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*

Why can't people in "the flesh" please God? People who live exclusively in the flesh are moved by what they see, touch, smell, hear and taste. These five attributes of the flesh are the bases of all their confessions. This will not come to an end even after the new birth, these confessions will not change until the convert begins to "renew their mind". When a saint renews their mind they stop repeating what they see, and they speak what God says in His Word.

*So then they that are of faith will work to always please God.*

The man who lives by the faith of the Son of God does not repeat what he sees, he repeats what he hears God say. This man has found the secret of living the blessed life, He now lives in blessed hope, he expects God to confirm His Word over him every day.

