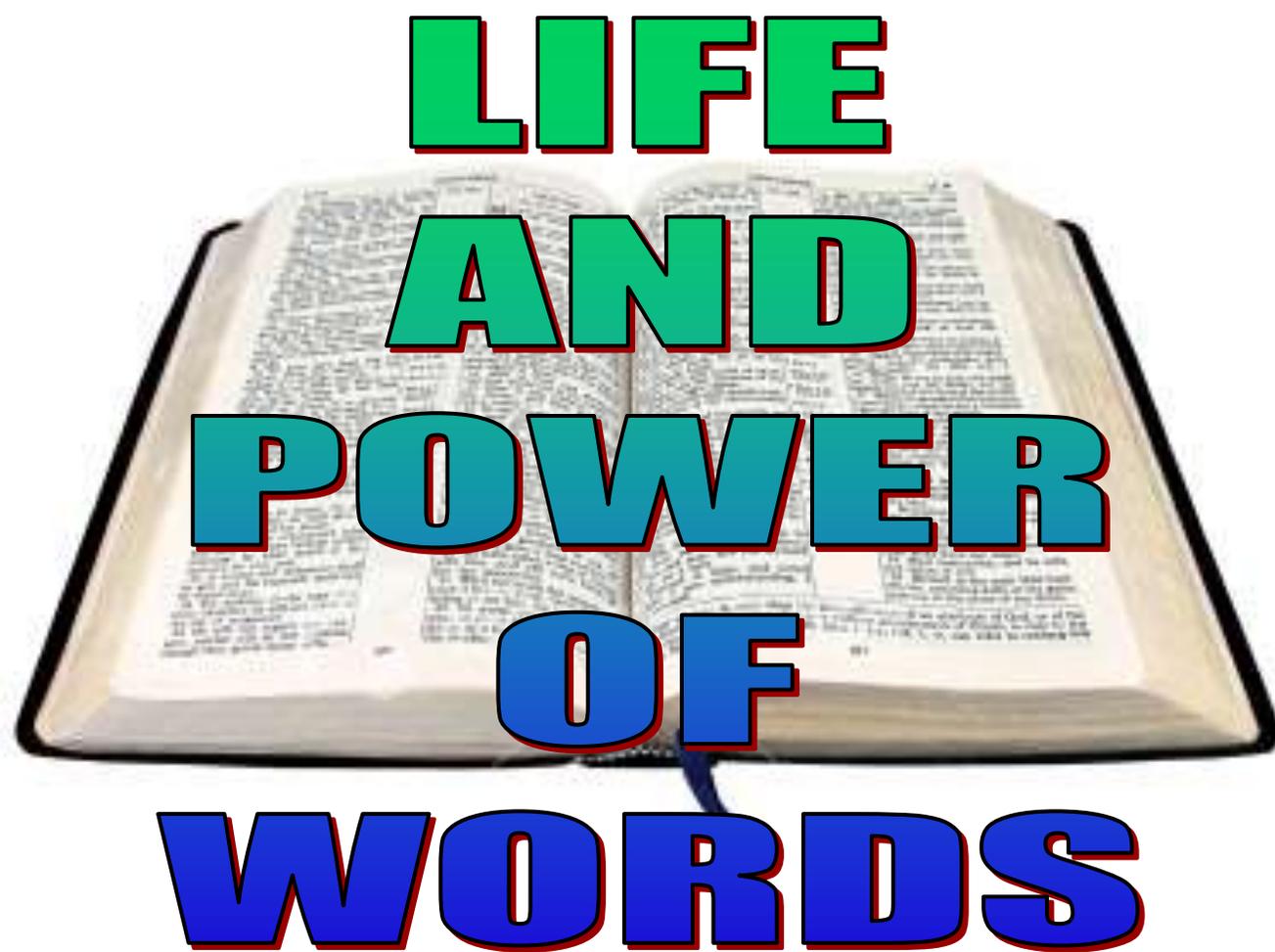


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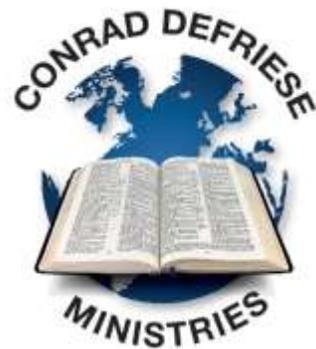


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**LIFE AND POWER OF WORDS
LESSON ONE**

THE IMPORTANCE AND POWER OF WORDS

Words are very important. They are the primary means God uses to convey His will and plan to you. Words are the means by which authority is released. Learning the importance of words is essential in living a victorious Christian life.

1. Death and life are in the power of your tongue.

Words are like seeds. When seeds are sown in the ground, they go to work to produce a harvest. When words are spoken, the power in those words goes to work to produce a harvest. Words of faith and love produce life. Words of doubt and fear produce death.

*Proverbs 18:21 **Death and life are in the power of the tongue:** and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*

Moffatt Translation

*Proverbs 18:21 **Death and life are determined by the tongue:** the talkative must take the consequences.*

Knox Translation

*Proverbs 18:21 **Of life and death, tongue holds the key:** use it lovingly, and it will requite thee.*

It is up to you to use your tongue wisely.

New American Bible

Proverbs 18:21 **Death and life are in the power of the tongue:** those who make it a friend shall eat its fruit.

Take advantage of making your tongue your friend. Your tongue will produce life or death. It is up to you what it produces.

Amplified Bible

Proverbs 18:21 **Death and life are in the power of the tongue:** and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life].

2. You are justified or condemned by the words you speak.

Your own words will set you free or condemn you.

Matthew 12:34 *O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.*

35 *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.*

36 *But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.*

37 *For by thy words thou shalt **be justified**, and by thy words thou shalt **be condemned**.*

Words have power in them. Speaking words is one of the most powerful things you do.

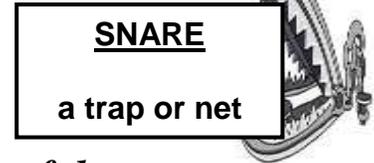
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Matthew 12:37 *For by **your words** you will be justified and acquitted, and by **your words** you will be condemned and sentenced.*

Meditating on God's Word will cause you to have an abundance of good words in your heart.

*Matthew 15:11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which **cometh out of the mouth**, this defileth a man.*

3. You can be snared by your own words.



*Proverbs 6:2 Thou art **snared with the words of thy mouth**, thou art taken with **the words of thy mouth**.*

You believe what you say more than what anyone else says. You trap yourself by speaking negative words.

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*Proverbs 6:2 You are **snared with the words of your lips**, you are caught by the **speech of your mouth**.*

Watch what you say! If the devil can get you to say the wrong thing, he can cause you to trap yourself. Do not give the devil a foothold or handle in your life by speaking wrong words. He cannot get a foothold if you do not give it to him.

Being born again assures you of going to heaven when you leave this world. To walk in victory in this world, however, you must have God's Word abiding in you. You must keep His Word in your heart and mouth.

4. He that keeps his mouth keeps his life.

It is up to you to take control of what you say. Take charge of your words. By guarding your words, you are guarding your life.

*Proverbs 13:3 He that **keepeth his mouth keepeth his life**: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.*

New International Version

Proverbs 13:3 *He who guards his lips guards his life, but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin.*

5. Sweetness of speech increases learning.

A wise person trains his lips to speak words that are kind, sweet and persuasive. Learn to use your words in a way that benefits others and yourself. Harsh, unkind and unthoughtful words do not bless others, and they are harmful to you. It is up to you to teach your mouth to speak wisely.

Proverbs 16:21 *The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.*

New American Standard

Proverbs 16:21 *The wise in heart will be called discerning, And sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness.*

Amplified Bible

Proverbs 16:21 *The wise in heart are called prudent, understanding, and knowing, and winsome speech increase learning [in both speaker and listener].*

Proverbs 16:23 *The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.*

New American Standard

Proverbs 16:23 *The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, and adds persuasiveness to his lips.*

Amplified Bible

Proverbs 16:23 *The mind of the wise instructs his mouth, and adds learning and persuasiveness to his lips.*

You and the one you are speaking to benefit when you choose your words and the tone of your voice wisely. It is up to you to instruct your mouth. You are in charge of what you say and how you say it. Obeying God's Word is the way to victory!

6. Pleasant words are health to the bones.

Pleasant words bring stability and peace to your mind, as well as promote health and healing to your body.

Proverbs 16:24 Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

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Proverbs 16:24 Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the mind and healing to the body.

Words spoken with wisdom bring health and healing.

Proverbs 12:18 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.

Amplified Bible

Proverbs 12:18 There are those who speak rashly, like the piercing of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

7. A man of knowledge restrains his words.

Do not speak too quickly. Choose your words wisely. Restrain yourself from saying just anything that comes to your mind. A person of knowledge chooses words carefully knowing that what is said can have a great impact on all who hear those words.

Proverbs 17:27 He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.

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Proverbs 17:27 *He who has knowledge **saves his words**, and a man of understanding has a cool spirit.*

New International Version

Proverbs 17:27 *A man of knowledge **uses words with restraint**, and a man of understanding is even-tempered.*

New American Standard

Proverbs 17:27 *He who **restrains his words** has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.*

Psalms 141:3 *Set a watch, O LORD, before **my mouth**; keep the door of my lips.*

8. Put contrary talk far from you.

Do not allow yourself to say things that are contrary to what God's Word promises you and what you are praying and believing Him for.

Proverbs 4:24 *Put away from thee a forward mouth, and **perverse lips** put far from thee.*

Amplified Bible

Proverbs 4:24 *Put away from you false and dishonest speech, and willful and **contrary talk** put far from you.*

9. A soft answer turns away wrath.

Soft speech can bring victory in situations that look impossible. Do not return anger with someone that is angry.

Proverbs 15:1 *A **soft answer** turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.*

Proverbs 25:15 **By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.**

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Proverbs 25:15 **By long forbearance and calmness of spirit a judge or ruler is persuaded, and soft speech breaks down the most bonelike resistance.**

10. A wholesome tongue is a tree of life.

Gentle speech promotes healing. Perverse and contrary words cause you to lose the strength and health that you have gained.

Proverbs 15:4 **A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.**

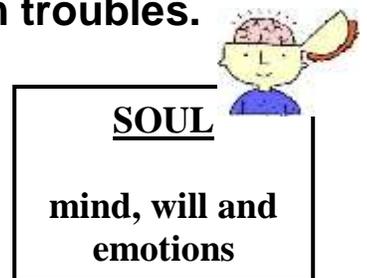
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Proverbs 15:4 **A gentle tongue [with its healing power] is a tree of life, but willful contrariness in it breaks down the spirit.**

11. He who keeps his mouth keeps his soul from troubles.

It is up to **you** to guard what you say.

Proverbs 21:23 **Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.**



Guarding your words will keep your mind and emotions from getting all mixed up.

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Proverbs 21:23 **He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity.**

12. Stop speaking scornful words and strife will cease.

Strife, quarreling and contention will cease when you stop speaking disrespectfully of others.

*Proverbs 22:10 Cast out the **scorner**, and contention shall go out; yea, **strife and reproach shall cease**.*

SCORNER

one who shows open dislike and disrespect

**one who rejects or dismisses the traditions of ancestors
as contemptible or unworthy**

*Proverbs 26:20 Where **no wood** is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the **strife ceaseth**.*

13. Do not be hasty to speak words.

Speaking too quickly increases the possibility of speaking incorrectly. Think about what you are going to say and the impact of those words before you speak.

*Proverbs 29:20 Seest thou a man that is **hasty** in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him.*

14. An unbridled tongue deceives your heart.

*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.*

Amplified Bible

James 1:26 *If anyone thinks himself to be religious (piously observant of the external duties of his faith) and does not bridle his tongue but deludes his own heart, this person's religious service is worthless (futile, barren).*

Your heart believes what you say is what you want. It does not just receive the good you say; however, it receives the bad also. Saying the wrong thing too much will eventually cause you to believe the wrong thing. Saying the right thing consistently will cause you to believe the right thing.

15. The person who never says the wrong thing is a fully developed character.

Saying the right thing and not offending with words is a sign of spiritual maturity. Gifts, talents and religious activities are not an indication of spiritual maturity.

James 3:2 *For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.*

Controlling your tongue brings maturity.

Amplified Bible

James 3:2 *For we all often stumble and fall and offend in many things. And if anyone **does not offend in speech [never says the wrong things]**, he is a fully developed character and a perfect man, able to control his whole body and to curb his entire nature.*

James 3:3 *Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.*

“**Horses**” in James 3:3 represents you. The “**bits**” represent you controlling yourself by controlling your tongue.

*James 3:4 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.*

“**Ships**” in James 3:4 represent types of circumstances. You can change your circumstances with your tongue. You can change yourself quicker than you can change circumstances. The bit and rudder cannot be seen; but, they control what is seen. Words are invisible and cannot be seen; but, they control what is seen. The more you let the Word of God work in you, the more your tongue comes under control.

16. Meditate the Word of God.

*Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt **meditate** therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

*Psalms 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he **meditate** day and night.
3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

MEDITATE

mutter in a low tone of voice

Meditating God's Word is what causes the incorruptible seed in the good ground of your heart to be conceived so it can produce a harvest. Just reading and hearing is not always enough. *Meditating the Word is what brings results!*

17. Decree a thing and it shall be established.

Decide what you want from God and find Scriptures that promise what you desire. You must then decree and declare by faith that it is yours.

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

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*Job 22:28 You shall also **decide and decree** a thing, and it shall be established for you; and the light [of God's favor] shall shine upon your ways.*

*Isaiah 43:26 **Put me in remembrance:** let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.*

18. Speak to the mountain and doubt not.

It is up to you to speak to the mountain (the problem). You must believe that you will have what you say. The Scriptures do not say to talk to God about the mountain. Take God's Word to the problem. Speak and proclaim His Word to the mountain, and believe the Word you are speaking.

*Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall **say** unto this mountain, *Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea;* and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he **saith** shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he **saith**.*

Zechariah 4:7 *Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with **shoutings**, crying, Grace, grace unto it.*

Matthew 17:20 *And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall **say** unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.*

19. When you pray God's Word, believe that you receive it.

When you pray and ask God for something, believe that you receive the answer at the time you pray. Faith receives the answer before it is revealed to your natural senses.

Mark 11:24 *Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, **when ye pray**, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

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Mark 11:24 *That is why I tell you, **whatsoever you pray and ask for**, if you believe that you have received it—it shall be yours.*

Proverbs 7:4 ***Say unto wisdom**, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman.*

Joel 3:10 *Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: **let the weak say, I am strong.***

20. Angels are sent to perform the Word of God that you speak and believe in your heart.

*Psalms 103:20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, **hearkening unto the voice of his word.***

Give voice to God's Word. Angels work on your behalf to bring to pass the Word of God that you speak and believe.

21. Speak God's Word.

Put the Word of God in your mouth and speak it.

*Psalms 119:172 **My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.***

Say what you believe!

Psalms 91:2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

“**Word**” (rhema, Greek word) in Ephesians 6:17 means the spoken word.

You use the sword of the Spirit by speaking the Word of God. The Word must be spoken and believed in order to activate the power that is in it.

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Keep God's Word in your mouth.

Romans 10:6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

*8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy **mouth**, and in thy heart: that is, **the word of faith**, which we preach;*

*9 That if thou shalt **confess** with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

*10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth **confession** is made unto salvation.*

CONFESSIO

saying the same thing that God says

2 Corinthians 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.

Believe the Word of God and speak it with your mouth.

22. Confess God's Word.

The confession of God's Word is a vital part of it becoming real to you. The more you confess the Word, the more real and alive it will be to you. Acknowledge and constantly affirm the Word of God in your life and circumstances.

PROFESSION

confession

*Hebrews 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our **profession**, Christ Jesus.*

*Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our **profession**.*

*Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the **profession** of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised).*

*Philemon 1:6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the **acknowledging** of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.*

*Titus 3:8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou **affirm constantly**, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.*

23. Activate the law of life with your mouth.

Speaking and believing God's Word activates the power in it. The seed (the Word) is sown by speaking it.

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

*Proverbs 10:11 The mouth of a righteous man is a **well** of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.*

“Well” in Proverbs 10:11 means source.

24. Jesus listens to your words.

What you say can help or hinder your faith.

Mark 9:22 And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

Wuest Translation

Mark 9:22 ...but if you are able to do anything, help us at once having had compassion upon us.

23 And Jesus said to him, As for those words of yours, If you are able: —all things are possible to the one who believes.

25. You loose and bind things with your words.

*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.*

Whatever is already bound in heaven can be bound on earth with your words. Whatever is already loosed in heaven can be loosed on earth with your words.

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*Matthew 16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you **bind** (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you **loose** (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven.*

26. God works according to what you say.

The children of Israel doubted what God told them. Ten of the twelve spies brought back an evil report, a report of doubt and fear.

Numbers 13:32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.

33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Numbers 14:1 And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.

2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!

Most of the children of Israel believed the evil report of doubt and fear instead of believing what God had said to them. They received what they spoke.

Numbers 14:28 Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you.

27. Jesus did not speak any words the devil could use against Him.

*John 14:30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and **hath nothing in me.***

Right words give God something to work with. Wrong words give the devil something to work with.

*Ephesians 4:27 Neither give **place** to the devil.*

“**Place**” in Ephesians 4:27 refers to a handle or foothold.

28. You must ask God to do things in order for Him to do for you.

God knows what you need; but, you still have to ask.

*Matthew 6:8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: **for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.***

*James 4:2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye **have not, because ye ask not.***

John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

You are a free, moral agent with the right of choice. It is up to you to ask God for the things you desire.

29. Call things into being that do not exist by speaking God’s Word.

Speaking and believing God’s Word is the way He has chosen to bring things into existence.

*Romans 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and **calleth those things which be not as though they were.***

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Romans 4:17 *As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and **speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed.***

New American Standard

Romans 4:17 *(As it is written, “A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU”) in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and **calls into being that which does not exist.***

30. Speaking right words will bring you joy.

Proverbs 15:23 *A man **hath joy by the answer of his mouth:** and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!*

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Proverbs 15:23 *A man **has joy in making an apt answer,** and a word spoken at the right moment—how good it is!*

31. A self-confident fool's mouth is his ruin.

Proverbs 18:6 *A **fool's lips** enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.*

7 *A **fool's mouth** is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.*

Amplified Bible

Proverbs 18:6 *A [self-confident] **fool's lips** bring contention, and his mouth invites a beating.*

7 *A [self-confident] **fool's mouth** is his ruin, and his lips are a snare to himself.*

32. Hearing the right words will show you the way of salvation.

Acts 11:13 And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;

14 Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

33. Do not allow any evil or unwholesome words to come out of your mouth.

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Ephesians 4:29 Let no foul or polluting language, nor evil word nor unwholesome or worthless talk [ever] come out of your mouth, but only such [speech] as is good and beneficial to the spiritual progress of others, as is fitting to the need and the occasion, that it may be a blessing and give grace (God's favor) to those who hear it.

34. Do not allow any indecent, silly or sinful speech to come out of your mouth.

Ephesians 5:4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

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Ephesians 5:4 Let there be no filthiness (obscenity, indecency) nor foolish and sinful (silly and corrupt) talk, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting or becoming; but instead voice your thankfulness [to God].

35. Let your speech always be gracious and pleasant so you can answer the questions of others the way you should.

*Colossians 4:6 Let your **speech be always with grace**, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.*

Amplified Bible

*Colossians 4:6 Let your **speech at all times be gracious (pleasant and winsome)**, seasoned [as it were] with salt, [so that you may never be at a loss] to know how you ought to answer anyone [who puts a question to you].*

36. Do not mingle (mix) God's Word with the enemy's word.

*Leviticus 19:19 Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with **mingled** seed: neither shall a garment **mingled** of linen and woollen come upon thee.*

MINGLED

hybrid

Do not sow (say) mingled seed. Only say what God says.
Do not mix words of doubt and fear with the Word of God.

37. Your tongue guides your life.

*James 3:2 For in many things we offend all. If any man **offend not in word**, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.*

3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

4 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.

5 Even so the **tongue** is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

6 And the **tongue** is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the **tongue** among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

8 But the **tongue** can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

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

11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

Your words dominate you. Words empower God to work for you or empower demons to work against you. The words you speak will either cause faith or fear to come. Your lips are the means of transportation of God's deliverance from heaven to your need here on earth. Confessing who you are and what is yours in Christ will bring success. There is no possession without confession.

CONFESSION

**I am very aware of the importance
of every word that I speak.**

**I choose my words wisely so they
are in agreement with God's Word.**

**My words agree with God's Word
and give no place to the enemy.**

**LIFE AND POWER OF WORDS
LESSON TWO**

WORDS ARE SEEDS

Speaking words is like sowing seeds. Every word you speak is a seed, whether good or bad. By learning to speak right words, you can determine the harvest you will reap.

1. Everything starts with a seed.

*Genesis 8:22 While the earth remaineth, **seedtime** and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.*

<p><u>SEED</u></p> <p>to implant</p> <p>to put in</p> <p>to set in</p>
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2. Whatever you sow is what you reap.

*Galatians 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: **for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.***

*8 For he that **soweth** to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that **soweth** to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.*

*9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season **we shall reap**, if we faint not.*

Amplified Bible

*Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived and deluded and misled; God will not allow Himself to be sneered at (scorned, disdained, or mocked by mere pretensions or professions, or by His precepts being set aside). [He inevitably deludes himself who attempts to delude God.] **For whatever a man sows, that and that only is what he will reap.***

8 For he who sows to his own flesh (lower nature, sensuality) will from the flesh reap decay and ruin and destruction, but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

*9 And let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season **we shall reap**, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint.*

Sowing to your flesh will bring a harvest of corruption. Sowing to the Spirit brings a harvest of the life and blessings of God.

Do not think you can sow one thing and reap something else. Natural laws and spiritual laws are very much alike. God does not just give you what He thinks you need. You are a free, moral agent with the right to make your own choices and decisions. The spiritual laws of God allow you to sow seed and reap a harvest according to your sowing. Words are powerful. Words are seeds that will produce a harvest.

3. Whatever seed is sown produces after its kind. This is the law of Genesis. The seed is in itself.

*Genesis 1:11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose **seed is in itself**, upon the earth: and it was so.*

Every seed is programmed to produce after its kind. The seed has the power to produce a harvest of the same kind if it is properly planted and cultivated. The **seed**, not the ground, determines the kind of harvest. **Remember, words are seeds!** Every seed, whether good or bad, has the potential to produce, not just another seed, but a harvest of seeds.

4. Pray (say) the thing you desire. Plant seed by praying (saying) what you desire.

Matthew 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

*Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, **when ye pray**, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

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*Mark 11:24 That is why I tell you, **whatsoever you pray and ask for**, if you believe that you receive it—it shall be yours.*

When you are praying, you are saying. Pray the promise of God's Word that gives you what you desire. Do not pray the problem! Pray the answer given in God's promises!!

5. The Word is the incorruptible seed. It is alive and abides forever.

*1 Peter 1:23 Being born-again, not of corruptible seed, but of **incorruptible**, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*

6. Bible faith plants the seed (God's Word) by saying it.

Luke 17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

*6 And the Lord said, If ye had **faith** as a grain of mustard seed, ye might **say** unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and **it should obey you**.*

*Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the **Word of God**.*

“**Word**” (rhema, Greek word) in Ephesians 6:17 means the spoken word.

Speak and believe what the Word of God promises you. Say what God says about your problems. He will back up what He says if you will say the same thing He says and believe it without wavering.

7. God sows His Words as seeds.

In the parable of the sower, **you** are the sower. The seed is the Word of God.

*Mark 4:14 The **sower soweth the word**.*

15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

18 *And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word,*

19 *And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.*

20 *And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.*

Mark 4:24 *And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.*

25 *For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.*

26 *And he said, **So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;***

27 *And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.*

28 *For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.*

29 *But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.*

30 *And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?*

31 *It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:*

32 *But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.*

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Mark 4:14 *The sower sows the Word.*

15 *The ones along the path are those who have the Word sown [in their hearts], but when they hear, Satan comes at once and [by force] takes away the message which is sown in them.*

16 *And in the same way the ones sown upon stony ground are those who, when they hear the Word, at once receive and accept and welcome it with joy;*

17 *And they have no real root in themselves, and so they endure for a little while; then when trouble or persecution arises on account of the Word, they immediately are offended (become displeased, indignant, resentful) and they stumble and fall away.*

18 *And the ones sown among the thorns are others who hear the Word;*

19 *Then the cares and anxieties of the world and distractions of the age, and the pleasure and delight and false glamour and deceitfulness of riches, and the craving and passionate desire for other things creep in and choke and suffocate the Word, and it becomes fruitless.*

20 *And those sown on the good (well-adapted) soil are the ones who hear the Word and receive and accept and welcome it and bear fruit—some thirty times as much as was sown, some sixty times as much, and [even] a hundred times as much.*

Amplified Bible

Mark 4:24 *And He said to them, Be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you—and more [besides] will be given to you who hear.*

25 *For to him who has will more be given; and from him who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away [by force],*

26 *And He said, **The kingdom of God is like a man who scatters seed upon the ground,***

27 *And then continues sleeping and rising night and day while the seed sprouts and grows and increases—he knows not how.*

28 *The earth produces [acting] by itself—first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.*

29 *But when the grain is ripe and permits, immediately he sends forth [the reapers] and puts in the sickle, because the harvest stands ready.*

30 *And He said, With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use to illustrate and explain it?*

31 *It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all seeds upon the earth;*

32 *Yet after it is sown, it grows up and becomes the greatest of all garden herbs and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air are able to make nests and dwell in its shade.*

When you hear and understand the Word and put it into practice, God will give you understanding of more of the Word. When you understand the Word and do not practice it, you will lose some of the understanding that you have.

8. Do not give up before the time for harvest.

Mark 11:22 *And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.*

23 *For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he **shall have whatsoever he saith.***

Hold fast to the promise of God you have declared to be yours!

*Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us **hold fast our profession**.*

*Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall **reap**, if we faint not.*

Continue to speak and believe what you desire until it comes to pass. Thoughts unspoken die unborn.

9. Sow (say) what you want to reap. Sow the particular kind of seed that will bring the harvest you desire.

Luke 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Proverbs 18:24 A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Proverbs 15:1 A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

*Matthew 7:1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.
2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.*

10. Do not sow a seed you do not want a harvest from.

Your heart is the ground that you sow the Word of God into.

Luke 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Your born-again spirit (heart) is good ground. The Word of God is good seed. Believing (sowing) God's Word in your heart will produce a great harvest. It is up to you to keep the rocks and thorns of doubt, fear, resentment, unforgiveness and the like out of your heart. Sowing, watering and cultivating the Word of God in your heart is **your** responsibility, not God's!

11. A man's harvest in life will depend entirely on what he sows.

1 Corinthians 3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

HUSBANDRY

a field under cultivation

a field of God's tilling

God's garden and vineyard

You must take the responsibility to sow the seed for the harvest you desire. God will bring it to pass.

12. Break up the fallow ground.

*Jeremiah 4:3 For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your **fallow ground**, and sow not among thorns.*

FALLOW GROUND

uncultivated ground

ground left uncultivated for a season

It is up to you to **change** the hard ground in your heart that cannot receive the seed of God's Word and produce a harvest.

Fallow ground could be:

- a. a lack of knowledge of God's Word
- b. holding on to hurts
- c. disobedience
- d. not trusting God with all your heart
- e. unforgiveness
- f. doubt and fear

It is up to you to break up the fallow ground with prayer, praise, acting on God's Word and speaking what the Word says instead of speaking the problem.

13. You can understand spiritual things by looking at natural things.

*Romans 1:20 For the **invisible things** of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, **being understood by the things that are made**, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.*

Natural laws and spiritual laws are very similar. Sowing natural seed and spiritual seed works much the same way.

14. There is a time to sow.

*Ecclesiastes 3:1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
2 A time to be born, and a time to die; **a time to plant**, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.*

Some seed brings a harvest quicker than others. The proper time of sowing the seed determines the harvest.

*Proverbs 15:23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a **word spoken in due season**, how good is it!*

A good word spoken at the right time brings a good harvest.

15. The Word is the seed.

God does nothing apart from His Word.

*Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: **The seed is the Word of God.***

*Psalms 107:20 He sent his **word**, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.*

*Matthew 8:8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but **speak the word only**, and my servant shall be healed.*

*John 8:32 And ye shall **know the truth**, and the truth shall make you free.*

To plant the seed of the Word of God, it must be:

- ✓ known
- ✓ received
- ✓ trusted

God's Word planted, watered and steadfastly trusted brings a harvest. Sow the kind of seed for the harvest you desire. Salvation seed brings salvation. Healing seed brings healing. Wisdom seed brings wisdom.

- 16. The prayer of faith, which heals the sick, is to follow (not precede) planting the seed (the Word) upon which faith is based.**

*1 Peter 1:23 Being born-again, not of corruptible seed, but of **incorruptible**, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*

*Mark 4:14 **The sower soweth the word.***

*Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: **The seed is the word of God.***

God's Word lets you know what to trust Him for. His purpose in creating seed (the Word) is that it might be planted in good ground where it can germinate, grow and bring forth fruit. Seed is powerless unless it is planted. All of God's wonderful works are potentially in the seed.

God's works are prevented until the seed is in good ground. His design for you is that you spend your life making possible the germination and growth of the imperishable seed of the Word of God. Nothing can take the place of the seed, not even prayer.

17. The only purpose of God's promises is their fulfillment.

*2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the **promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen**, unto the glory of God by us.*

*2 Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us **exceeding great and precious promises**: that by these ye might be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

As seed, the promises cannot be changed. They accomplish their wonderful results at any time and in any garden. The promises are to be claimed, sown and tilled in prayer. Standing on the promises of God means to pray the prayer of faith for their fulfillment.

18. The ground must be kept moist with constant watering if the seed is to germinate and grow properly.

Psalms 119:14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.

15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

Psalms 119:24 Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors.

Psalms 119:44 So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.

45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

46 I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.

Watering the seed is as necessary as the planting! It is God that makes the seed grow. The justice of God requires that He cause the seed to grow when it is planted and watered. You water the seed by meditating on God's Word and continuing to confess it is yours. A seed planted and watered will grow. Just as with a farmer, planting the seed must be in the past tense before a harvest is possible. This is the way to receive everything God has promised you. His promises are offered to you. The responsibility is not His to do. **It is up to you to receive by faith what He has offered!**

19. Meditation of God's Word chews your spiritual food and gets its nutritive value into your heart and life.

Meditation has a digestive power and turns truth into spiritual nourishment.

Psalms 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

*2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he **meditate** day and night.*

3 *And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

Joshua 1:8 *This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt **meditate** therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

20. Be diligent in the time of harvest.

Proverbs 10:4 *He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the **diligent** maketh rich.*
5 *He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.*

Amplified Bible

Proverbs 10:5 *He who **gathers in summer** is a wise son, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.*

Be diligent to take advantage of an opportunity to sow or to reap when it comes your way. Opportunities are blessings from God and should be put to the best use when they are available.

Luke 6:38 **Give**, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

*Malachi 3:10 **Bring ye all the tithes** into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

Proverbs 20:4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.

21. Jesus is the seed of the woman.

*Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her **seed**; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

God sowed His Son to give His life to reap a harvest and a family of believers to live with Him forever.

22. Sow prosperity seed.

*Ecclesiastes 11:6 In the morning **sow thy seed**, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.*

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*Ecclesiastes 11:1 **Invest your money in foreign trade**, and one of these days you will make a profit.*

2 Put your investments in several places—many places even—because you never know what kind of bad luck you are going to have in this world.

3 *No matter which direction a tree falls, it will lie where it fell. When the clouds are full, it rains.*

4 *If you wait until the wind and the weather are just right, you will never plant anything and never harvest anything.*

5 *God made everything, and you can no more understand what he does than you understand how new life begins in the womb of a pregnant woman.*

6 ***Do your planting*** in the morning and in the evening, too. You never know whether it will all grow well or whether one planting will do better than the other.

23. The small size of the seed does not hinder the harvest.

Matthew 13:31 *Another parable put He forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: 32 Which indeed is the **least of all seeds**: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.*

It is not the size of the seed that matters. It is the **quality** of the seed that matters. The seed must be sown in faith.

24. God will multiply your seed sown.

2 Corinthians 9:10 *Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both ministereth bread for your food, and **multiply your seed sown**, and increase the fruits of your righteousness.*

It is up to you to sow the seed in faith. It is God that brings the harvest.

25. Those that are born again are the planting of the Lord.

*Isaiah 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, **the planting of the LORD**, that he might be glorified.*

26. God uses His Word to defeat the enemy.

*Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, **but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.***

Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

27. Speak (sow) the Word.

*Matthew 8:8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: **but speak the word only**, and my servant shall be healed.*

*Romans 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, **even in thy mouth**, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach.*

*2 Corinthians 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have **I spoken**; we also believe, and therefore **speak**.*

*Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall **say** unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he **saith** shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he **saith**.*

28. Acknowledging who Christ is in you makes your faith effective.

*Philemon 1:6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the **acknowledging** of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.*

Every word is a seed. Sow the Word of God in your heart and water it by maintaining a continual confession of who you are in Christ and what belongs to you.

CONFESSION

I speak the words of God for the harvest I want to reap. I do not speak words and sow seeds that will produce a harvest I do not want.

LIFE AND POWER OF WORDS
LESSON THREE

THE IMPORTANCE OF CONFESSION

There is nothing that can happen without words being spoken first. The Old Testament prophets had to speak concerning the coming Redeemer before Jesus Christ could come as a fulfillment of those words. Confessing, which is speaking God's Word, is an essential part of what is necessary in order for Him to move on the earth. Confession precedes possession!

1. What is the meaning of confess/confession?

- saying the same thing God says
- affirming what God has said in His Word
- declaring God's Word
- witnessing and testifying to truths revealed in God's Word

2. The only negative confession the believer is to make is the confession of sins in order to receive forgiveness.

*1 John 1:9 If we **confess** our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

This confession is not the confession for the sinner that wants to get saved. This confession is for the Christian that has missed the mark (sinned) and wants to get back in fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Confess the Word of God and hold fast to it until it comes to pass.

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the **profession** of our faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised.

Get into agreement with God's Word and speak it in faith until the manifestation comes.

Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the **word of their testimony**; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

You need to say the Word as many times as necessary until you believe it in your heart. There is no possession without confession! When circumstances and situations seem opposite to the Word is when you need to confess it most.

4. What are you to confess?

- a. what God has wrought (created) for you
- b. what God has wrought in you through the Word and Spirit
- c. what you are to the Father in Christ Jesus
- d. what God can do through you
- e. what the Word will do when you declare it

5. Reasons Why Confessing God's Word Works

- **Confession sows seed into the kingdom of God in your heart.**

Mark 4:26 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should **cast seed into the ground**.

- **Confession causes faith to come.**

*Romans 10:17 So then **faith cometh by hearing**, and hearing by the word of God.*

Do not paint a negative image in your heart and mind by speaking fear-filled words.

*Job 3:25 For the thing which I greatly **feared** is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.*

*Deuteronomy 30:19 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.*

*Matthew 12:37 For by thy **words** thou shalt be **justified**, and by thy **words** thou shalt be **condemned**.*

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*Matthew 12:37 For by your **words** you will be **justified and acquitted**, and by your **words** you will be **condemned and sentenced**.*

- **Confession renews your mind to the Word of God.**

*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.*

*Colossians 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is **renewed** in knowledge after the image of him that created him.*

- **Confession keeps you focused on the answer instead of the problem.**

Proverbs 4:20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

*22 For they are **life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.***

*Isaiah 43:26 Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: **declare thou**, that thou mayest be justified*

- **Confession changes your heart.**

*Matthew 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? **for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.***

Proverbs 4:20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

*21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine **heart.***

22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

- **Confession sets the law of faith into motion.**

Faith is a spiritual law.

*Romans 3:27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay, but **by the law of faith.***

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

*2 For the **law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus** hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

■ **Confession puts angels of God to work for you.**

Psalms 103:19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

*20 Bless the LORD, ye **his angels**, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, **hearkening unto the voice of his word.***

*Hebrews 1:13 But to which of the **angels** said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?*

14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

6. Faith always speaks what it believes.

*2 Corinthians 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have **I spoken**; we also believe, and therefore **speak.***

*Matthew 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? **for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.***

If you are not speaking it, you are not believing it. Faith never grows beyond your confession. Faith will never rise higher than the words of your mouth. You will never be a conqueror until you confess you are. Faith follows in the footprint of your

confession. Your confession builds the road over which faith hauls its mighty cargo. Be your own faith-builder by speaking God's Word.

The Word is dormant until you speak it with your mouth and believe it in your heart. The Word is the incorruptible seed; but, you have to speak it and believe it in order for the power in it to be activated in your life.

7. You sow the seed of the Word of God by speaking it.

Mark 4:14 The sower soweth the word.

Harvest can consist only of the seed that has been sown. God deals with you on the basis of what you say about His Word. He confirms His Word. Sow and water the seed of His Word by speaking it. God gave you His Word. It is up to you what you do with it. It is up to you to sow it.

Luke 17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

*6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might **say** unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.*

Your harvest will depend on how much or how little you sow the Word of God.

8. Your born-again spirit is the good ground you sow the Word of God into.

*Luke 17:21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the **kingdom of God is within you.***

Mark 4:26 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

Faith must be sown as a seed in order to produce. Speak the Word and act like you believe what you are speaking. Sow the seed in the good ground of your heart for the harvest you desire. The ground (your heart) produces first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear. You should always have corresponding action with the words of faith you have spoken; however, you should not have full corresponding action until the time of harvest. You do not put in the sickle to reap the harvest until the ear of corn is fully mature. It is important that the crop reach full maturity before being harvested in order to get the full benefit from it.

In Acts 2, the disciples and followers of Christ waited to go out preaching until they were endued with power by the Holy Ghost. It was vitally important that they not go out prematurely before the Holy Ghost gave them power to do what Jesus told them to do.

9. Your heart believes what you say and goes to work to produce what is spoken, whether positive or negative.

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

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.

Your heart is like good ground and thinks what you say is what you want. It will grow weeds just as quickly as it will grow plants. You are the one who decides the seed by what you say. What you confess with your mouth reacts on your heart. Your confession dominates your inner being! You need to realize the effect of your words on your heart and on your adversary.

10. Learn to release your faith in all the words you speak.

Do not say things you do not believe! If you say things you do not believe, you will train yourself not to release faith with your words. Practice speaking faith-filled words. Train yourself to believe that what you say will come to pass.

*Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall **say** unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he **saith** shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he **saith**.*

Your lips become the means of transportation of God's deliverance from heaven to meet your need on earth. Guard your lips so they only speak words in agreement with His Word.

11. You must have a pure conscience in order for faith to work.

*1 Timothy 3:9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a **pure conscience**.*

*1 John 3:20 For if our **heart condemn us**, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.*

12. God's Word will not return void.

*Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: **it shall not return unto me void**, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*

*Jeremiah 1:12 Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will **hasten** my word to perform it.*

HASTEN

watch over

No Word of God is void of power. It is only powerless when it is unspoken and not believed.

13. Right confession agrees with and speaks (calls) things the same way God's Word does.

*Romans 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and **calleth those things which be not as though they were**.*

Wuest Translation

Romans 4:17and calls the things that are not in existence as being in existence.

New American Standard

Romans 4:17 (As it is written, "A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the sight of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.

Amplified Bible

Romans 4:17 *As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed.*

Fill your lips with praise for answers to prayer that your senses do not yet perceive. The Word becomes real only when you confess its reality.

14. It is up to you to decree and declare God's Word.

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

Amplified Bible

Job 22:28 *You shall also **decide and decree** a thing, and it shall be established for you; and the light [of God's favor] shall shine upon your ways.*

New International Version

Job 22:28 *What you **decide** on will be done, and light will shine on your ways.*

Isaiah 43:26 *Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: **declare** thou, that thou mayest be justified.*

Your words determine your faith! Faith is activated by speaking words! It is unbelief to ask God for something He has already said is yours. Confess and declare God's Word. Agree with Him that you are who He says you are and you possess what He has provided for you.

15. Keep God's Word in your mouth.

John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall **ask** what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

ASK
(Greek meaning)
to demand what is rightfully yours

Wrong speech can trap you like a net to keep you from succeeding the way you desire.

16. Jesus Christ is the High Priest of your profession (confession).

Hebrews 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our **profession**, Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our **profession**.

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the **profession** of our faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised.

The penalty of wavering in your confession is that you deny yourself God's promises and the performance of them. In the consistency lies the power.

God can only perform the Word you declare to be yours and refuse to turn loose of until it is manifested.

17. Acknowledge by saying what Christ is in you.

*Philemon 1:6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the **acknowledging** of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.*

Saying and acknowledging what Christ is in you causes your faith to be effective.

*Titus 3:8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou **affirm constantly**, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.*

18. Activate the law of life with your mouth.

You activate life or death by the words of your mouth.

*Proverbs 18:21 **Death and life are in the power of the tongue:** and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

*Proverbs 10:11 The mouth of a righteous man is a **well** of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.*

“**Well**” in Proverbs 10:11 means source. You can make your mouth the source of life.

19. Jesus spoke what the Father taught Him to speak.

*John 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but **as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.***

*John 12:49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, **what I should say, and what I should speak.***

*50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even **as the Father said unto me, so I speak.***

New International Version

*John 12:49 For I did not speak of my own accord, but the **Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it.***

Jesus spoke words about Himself so they could come to pass. Words must first be spoken before something can take place.

20. Prophets spoke words by the Spirit so Jesus could fulfill them.

The Old Testament prophets spoke by the Spirit concerning the birth, works, death and resurrection, as well as many other things, about Jesus Christ. These things had to be spoken first before they could happen. Nothing happens without words, even though you may not always be aware of it.

21. Worlds were framed by the spoken Word of God.

*Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the **worlds were framed by the word of God**, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*

*Genesis 1:3 And **God said**, Let there be light: and there was light.*

*Genesis 1:6 And **God said**, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.*

*Genesis 1:9 And **God said**, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.*

*Genesis 1:11 And **God said**, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.*

*Genesis 1:14 And **God said**, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.*

*Genesis 1:20 And **God said**, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.*

*Genesis 1:24 And **God said**, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.*

*Genesis 1:26 And **God said**, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

22. Jesus appeared to people in the Old Testament and spoke to them so those words could be fulfilled.

God spoke to Moses out of the burning bush.

Exodus 3:10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

23. Angels brought words from the Lord to people so God could perform them.

Luke 1:30 And the **angel** said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David.

24. Most of the sick in Jesus' ministry were healed with words. Lazarus was raised from the dead by words.

John 11:43 And when he thus had spoken, **he cried with a loud voice**, Lazarus, come forth.

44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

25. Faith follows in the footprints of your confession.

Your faith or unbelief is determined by your confession.

Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall **say** unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he **saith** shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he **saith**.

- 26. Dare to act on the promises of God when natural, sense knowledge makes it look impossible. Do more than just believe. Act on the Word! Faith acts on God's Word independently of your circumstances or your five, natural senses (hear, sight, smell, taste, touch).**

A bold, confident confession of God's Word brings new courage.

*James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a **doer** of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.*

- 27. Your words dominate you.**

*Proverbs 18:21 **Death and life are in the power of the tongue:** and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*

- 28. Confess the Word and act on your confession. Your actions defeat you or give you victory. You either receive, are kept from receiving or are defeated according to your actions.**

*James 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by **works**, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? 22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his **works**, and by **works** was faith made perfect?*

- 29. Do not try to act on someone else's faith or act from a mental standpoint. Bible faith only works from your heart not from your head.**

*Romans 10:10 For **with the heart** man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

- 30. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God; but, it must be acted upon for the power of God in it to be released into your life.**

Faith is released and becomes productive when you act on the Word of God.

James 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

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James 2:17 So also faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead).

- 31. Controlling your tongue is the greatest step you have towards spiritual maturity (more than gifts, talents, shouting, praising, teaching or other Christian acts.).**

James 3:2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

4 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.

5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

Amplified Bible

James 3:2 *For we all often stumble and fall and offend in many things. And if anyone **does not offend in speech [never says the wrong things]**, he is a fully developed character and a perfect man, able to control his whole body and to curb his entire nature.*

The Word becomes real only as you confess its reality. Your confession of who God is, who you are in Him and what He has done for you always precedes His revelation of Himself. Agree with God. Say over and over what He says until His promises are manifested in your life.

CONFESSION

**I not only read and think about God's Word,
I speak and declare His promises and benefits
that already belong to me in Christ Jesus.**

LIFE AND POWER OF GOD'S WORDS
LESSON FOUR

HOW FAITH CONFESSIONS WORK

The Bible can be likened to a book of seeds. Seeds must be sown to produce a harvest. Just as there are natural laws concerning sowing and reaping, there are spiritual laws concerning sowing and reaping. Learning how to speak the Word of God is essential to activating the power that is in the Word so it will go to work for you. In most instances, it is up to **you** to initiate and activate the power in the Word.

1. Confession paints God's image of you in your heart and mind.

Confessing the Word causes you to hear yourself say what God says about you. You begin to shape the image of who He says you are in your heart and mind.

*2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of **power**, and of **love**, and of a **sound mind**.*

2. Confessing the image of Christ in you helps you conform to that image.

*Romans 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be **conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

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Romans 8:29 *For those whom He foreknew [of whom He was aware and loved beforehand], He also destined from the beginning [foreordaining them] to be **molded into the image of His Son [and share inwardly His likeness]**, that He might become the firstborn among many brethren.*

As the image of who you are on the inside changes, it will start showing up on the outside. Speaking faith-filled words releases the power in the Word of God to work in you and for you.

- 3. God wants to conform you to the image and route that is best for you in order to reach the goal and destination that He has for you.**

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.***

God knows more what you should be than you do. Speak His Word about yourself. Let Him determine what is best for you to be. Continue to look at what the Word says about you, not what the world or circumstance says.

James 1:23 *For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:*

24 *For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.*

25 *But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.*

4. Satan tries to prevent you from seeing who you are in Christ.

*2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the **god of this world hath blinded the minds** of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

Amplified Bible

*2 Corinthians 4:4 For the **god of this world has blinded the unbelievers' minds** [that they should not discern the truth], preventing them from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ (the Messiah), Who is the Image and Likeness of God.*

The light of God's Word will shine on the dark areas of your life and show you where you need to change.

5. What does confessing do?

- a. Confessing says the same thing God says.
- b. Confessing makes you the owner of what God says about you.
- c. Confessing personalizes God's Word.
- d. Confessing causes you to possess the Word and make it your own.
- e. Confessing acknowledges and admits that you are who God's Word says you are.
- f. Confessing declares what God says.
- g. Confessing lets it be known.

6. God began the initial process of creating man by speaking words.

*Genesis 1:26 And **God said**, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

Through words, you begin to create the image of what you want to take place in your life and circumstances.

7. Confess God's Word.

*2 Corinthians 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have **I spoken**; we also believe, and therefore **speak**.*

8. Speak the same thing God speaks.

*1 Corinthians 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all **speak the same thing**, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*

9. Confession admits God's Word is true.

*Romans 3:4 God forbid: yea, **let God be true**, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.*

10. Lie not against the truth.

*James 3:14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and **lie not against the truth**.*

Amplified Bible

James 3:14 *But if you have bitter jealousy (envy) and contention (rivalry, selfish ambition) in your hearts, do not pride yourselves on it and thus be in **defiance of and false to the Truth.***

11. Confessing God's Word claims ownership and personalizes what it declares.

Mark 11:23 *For verily I say unto **you**, That whosoever shall **say** unto this mountain, **Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.***

Confession brings possession!

12. Obedience and conformity to God's Word causes Him to command blessings upon you.

Isaiah 45:11 *Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands **command ye me.***

Deuteronomy 28:1 *And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt **hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments** which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:*

2 *And all these **blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.***

*Deuteronomy 28:8 The LORD shall **command the blessing** upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*

13. Confession of God's Word works.

Confession is a way you sow seed into the kingdom of God.

*Isaiah 55:10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give **seed to the sower**, and bread to the eater:*

11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Amplified Bible

Isaiah 55:11 So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

*1 Peter 1:23 Being born-again, not of corruptible seed, but of **incorruptible**, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*

*Mark 4:14 The sower soweth **the word**.*

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14. Jesus continued to speak (confess) what the Father had said about Him.

*John 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, **I speak** these things.*

29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

30 As he spake these words, many believed on him.

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Jesus is your example. Even as He continued in the Father's Word and spoke what the Father said, He taught those around Him to continue in what He said. The truth that made Him free will make you free as you continue in the Word and speak what He spoke. It takes time to renew your mind and create the new image in your heart and mind. Continue to speak the Word!

John 12:44 Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.

46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

49 *For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.*

50 *And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.*

Jesus did not speak just anything He wanted to. **He spoke the Father's words!**

John 5:30 ***I can of mine own self do nothing:** as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.*

John 15:5 *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

John 8:54 *Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:*

55 *Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.*

15. God releases His faith in the words that He speaks.

Genesis 1:3 *And **God said**, Let there be light: and there was light.*

Hebrews 11:3 *Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed **by the word of God**, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*

16. David released his faith in his words that God would give Goliath into his hands.

*1 Samuel 17:36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.
37 **David said** moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.*

17. Speak and believe the Word of God.

*Matthew 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall **say** unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.*

*Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall **say** unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he **saith** shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he **saith**.*

*24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, **when ye pray**, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

Weymouth Translation

*Mark 11:24 That is why I tell you, Whatsoever you **pray and ask for**, if you believe that you have received it—it shall be yours.*

Luke 17:6 *And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.*

Romans 10:8 *But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy **mouth**, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach.*

2 Corinthians 4:13 *We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have **I spoken**; we also believe, and therefore **speak**.*

18. Faith speaks into being those things that do not exist.

Romans 4:17 *(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and **calleth those things which be not as though they were**.*

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New American Standard

Romans 4:17 *(As it is written, “A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU”) in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and **calls into being that which does not exist**.*

19. The woman with the issue of blood released her faith with her words.

*Mark 5:28 For **she said**, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.*

*Mark 5:34 And he said unto her, Daughter, **thy faith hath made thee whole**; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.*

The words the woman spoke were spoken by her faith.

20. Faith grows by praising and giving glory to God.

*Romans 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, **giving glory to God**.*

Amplified Bible

*Romans 4:20 No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was empowered by faith as he **gave praise and glory to God**.*

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God and must be acted upon for the power of God to be released in your life. Dare to act on the Word. You have to put faith into action for it to work. According to your actions, you either receive victory, are kept from receiving victory or are defeated. Hold fast to your confession in the face of circumstances and what your senses are telling you. There is no faith or it is dead and unproductive without words and actions. Faith follows in the footprints of your confession. It never rises above or grows beyond your confession. Your faith or unbelief is determined by your confession.

CONFESSION

I initiate and activate the promises and benefits that belong to me in God's Word by my steadfast and persistent confession of them.

**LIFE AND POWER OF WORDS
LESSON FIVE**

GIVING VOICE TO GOD'S WORD

The Word of God is the incorruptible seed and it is full of power. It must, however, be planted and watered in order for its power to be released to work for you. The Word is a live seed, but is dormant for you until the seed is activated. The best way to activate God's Word in your life is to speak it.

1. Ask what you will.

It is up to you to do the asking.

*John 15:7 If **ye** abide in me, and my words abide in **you**, **ye** shall **ask** what **ye** will, and it shall be done unto **you**.*

The words "you" and "ye" are mentioned five times in John 15:7. The emphasis is on **you** asking what you will.

<p><u>ASK</u></p> <p>require</p> <p>call for</p> <p>demand something due</p>
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Amplified Bible

*John 15:7 If **you** live in Me [abide vitally united to Me] and My words remain in **you** and continue to live in **your** hearts, ask whatever **you** will, and it shall be done for **you**.*

When you are born again, you are abiding in Christ. In order for you to be successful, His Words must **continually** abide in you. Speaking words of fear and doubt means God's words have departed from your mouth. To speak both words of faith and words of fear and doubt is to be double minded. To be double minded is to walk in defeat.

James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

2. The Word of God is in your mouth.

Romans 10:6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Amplified Bible

Romans 10:8 But what does it say? The Word (God's message in Christ) is near you, on your lips and in your heart; that is the Word (the message, the basis and object) of faith which we preach.

9 *Because if you acknowledge and confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and in your heart believe (adhere to, trust in, and rely on the truth) that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

10 *For with the heart a person believes (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Christ) and so is justified (declared righteous, acceptable to God), and with the mouth he confesses (declares openly and speaks out freely his faith) and confirms [his] salvation.*

The power in the Word of God is activated when you speak it with your mouth and believe it in your heart.

3. Faith calls (speaks) things into existence.

Romans 4:16 *Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, 17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and **calleth those things which be not as though they were.***

Amplified Bible

Romans 4:16 *Therefore, [inheriting] the promise is the outcome of faith and depends [entirely] on faith, in order that it might be given as an act of grace (unmerited favor), to make it stable and valid and guaranteed to all his descendants—not only to the devotees and adherents of the Law, but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, who is [thus] the father of us all.*

17 As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed.

New Revised Standard Version

Romans 4:17 *As it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and **calls into existence the things that do not exist.***

New American Standard

Romans 4:17 *(As it is written, "A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the sight of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and **calls into being that which does not exist.***

Activate the law of life with your mouth. The Word of God is dormant until it is believed in your heart and spoken with your mouth. God cares about your needs. That is why He has given you His Word and the right to believe it and speak it.

Because man sinned and gave up his authority, Satan is presently the god of this world. God restored that authority through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ; however, He does not have a legal right to do anything He wants to on earth unless someone on earth asks Him to.

4. Let the weak say I am strong.

Joel 3:10 *Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.*

Speaking and declaring the present condition or circumstance does not change it. Speaking God's promises in the face of and in spite of the circumstance puts the power of God to work to change it. It is not a lie or an untruth to agree with and say the promises of God regardless of the circumstance. God's Word is true!

5. God is limited to your words.

Numbers 14:28 Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you.

God wanted to give the children of Israel the Promised Land; but, those twenty-years-old and older died in the wilderness. He could not override their words. They received the consequences of the doubt and fear that they spoke.

6. The Holy Spirit will take hold with you.

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also **helpeth** our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

HELPETH

takes hold together against

The Holy Spirit has to have something to take hold of with you. He can **only** take hold with the Word of God you are speaking. The Holy Spirit cannot speak it for you; but, He will help you speak it.

Hebrews 13:6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

7. Declare what you are believing.

Isaiah 43:26 Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

Amplified Bible

Isaiah 43:26 Put Me in remembrance [remind Me of your merits]; let us plead and argue together. Set forth your case, that you may be justified (proved right).

You have to speak what you believe for the Word of God to be effective in your life.

Notice in Mark 11:23 that you are to do three times as much saying as believing.

Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Believing in your heart is essential; but, **saying** is also very essential. Most people are not lacking in their believing. Where they are lacking is in their saying. You will have what **you** say, not what someone else says.

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

New International Version

Job 22:28 What you decide on will be done, and light will shine on your ways.

Amplified Bible

Job 22:28 You shall also decide and decree a thing, and it shall be established for you; and the light [of God's favor] shall shine upon your ways.

8. Angels hearken to the voice of God's Word.

Psalms 103:20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

It is up to you to give voice to God's Word.

9. Be filled with the Spirit by speaking God's Word.

*Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but **be filled** with the Spirit;
19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.*

“Be filled” (Greek meaning) in Ephesians 5:18 means to be in a process of being filled.

The Holy Spirit is always with born-again Christians; but, they are not always full of the Spirit. You need to be filled and refilled with the Spirit. Speaking and singing the Word of God, which was given by the Holy Spirit, helps you be filled.

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

10. Faith speaks.

*2 Corinthians 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore **speak**.*

Faith must have some kind of action in order for it to be productive. **Speaking is one of the most effective ways to put faith into action!**

Faith sees with spiritual eyes before your natural eyes see the manifestation.

2 Corinthians 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

11. Jesus spoke what the Father taught Him.

*John 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, **I speak these things**.*

*John 12:49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, **what I should say, and what I should speak**.*

*50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, **so I speak**.*

New International Version

*John 12:49 For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me **what to say and how to say it.***

Jesus in His earthly ministry spoke what the Father told Him to speak. He walked in victory by speaking as the Father commanded.

God's Words are filled with faith and victory. When His Word abides continually in you (John 15:7), you can ask what you will and it shall be done unto you.

12. Speak the Word.

*Psalms 119:172 My tongue shall **speak** of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.*

The words you speak will cause either faith or fear to come into your life.

13. Jesus wages war with His mouth.

*Revelation 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp **sword**, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*

You are part of the body of Christ on earth. You win victories by speaking God's Word!

14. God sent an angel because of Daniel's words.

Daniel 10:12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

Nothing happened without words. Words are powerful!

15. Joshua spoke to the sun.

Joshua 10:12 Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and **he said** in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

Joshua was leading the children of Israel in a battle. They needed more daylight to complete the victory. Joshua talked (prayed) to the Lord. That is where he received instruction about what to do. Notice, God did not speak to the sun. He told Joshua to speak to the sun. God brings the victory; but, **you** have to do the speaking and believing.

16. Speak the Word of God over your problem.

Exodus 14:13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will show to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

15 And the LORD said unto Moses, **Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak** unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:

*16 But **lift thou up thy rod**, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and **divide it**: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.*

Moses cried out to God for help. God told Moses to speak to the problem and to act on what he spoke. Moses spoke to the children of Israel to go forward, and he stretched out his rod over the sea. The children of Israel walked through sea on dry ground after Moses spoke and acted on the Word of God.

17. God's Word is like a fire.

*Jeremiah 5:14 Wherefore thus saith the LORD GOD of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth **fire**, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.*

*Jeremiah 23:29 Is not my word like as a **fire**? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?*

*Revelation 11:5 And if any man will hurt them, **fire** proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.*

Words release the power of God.

18. Pray your desire.

*Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye **receive** them, and ye shall have them.*

Weymouth Translation

Mark 11:24 *That is why I tell you, whatsoever you pray and ask for, if you believe that you have **received** it—it shall be yours.*

RECEIVE

take

seize with a grip that cannot be broken

Do not pray (say) the problem. Pray (say) the promise of God that solves the problem. Do not fight the darkness. Turn on the light and the darkness will go away.

19. Ask according to God's will.

1 John 5:14 *And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we **ask** any thing according to his will, he heareth us:*

15 *And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we **ask**, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.*

God's will is His Word. He always works with His Word.

20. God performs His Word.

Jeremiah 1:12 *Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will **hasten** my word to perform it.*

HASTEN

watch over

God will watch over to perform the Word that you believe and confess.

21. Faith comes by hearing the Word.

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by **hearing**, and **hearing** by the word of God.

Faith only comes from the Word of God, not from man's opinions or ideas. Faith does not come by praying, singing, giving or any other acts unless the Word is involved. **Faith is based only on the Word of God!**

22. Say what God says about you.

Genesis 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called **Abram**, but thy name shall be **Abraham**; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

Abram means exalted father. **Abraham** means father of a multitude. God said that He had made Abram the father of a multitude. God changed Abram's name to Abraham so he would be saying the same thing God was saying. God called Abraham the father of a multitude **before** his wife, Sarah, was pregnant.

Romans 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Amplified Bible

Romans 4:17 As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed.

23. Sow the Word by speaking it.

Mark 4:14 The sower soweth the Word.

You are the sower. The seed is the Word of God.

24. The Word is alive like a seed.

1 Peter 1:23 Being born-again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

The seed of the Word of God is incorruptible and is always alive. It will always produce when planted in good soil and cultivated properly. Your born-again spirit is good soil.

25. Meditate the Word.

*Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt **meditate** therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

*Psalms 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he **meditate** day and night.
3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

MEDITATE

think on

ponder

mutter in a low tone of voice

26. Write the Word on your heart by speaking it.

*Proverbs 3:3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; **write them upon the table of thine heart.***

*Psalms 45:1 My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: **my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.***

Faith is the ability of your heart to conceive God's Word. **Write the Word on your heart with your tongue!** Your heart listens to what you say and believes what you say is what you want, whether positive or negative. Your heart goes about to bring to pass what you say.

27. There is life in God's Word.

Proverbs 4:21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

*22 For they are **life** unto those that find them, and **health** to all their flesh.*

“Health” in Proverbs 4:22 means medicine.

The more attention and thought you give to God's Word, the more you receive the life and power that is in it. Give the Word first place in your life. Let your eyes, ears, mind and heart be filled with the Word of God. It will do what it promises if you will do what it tells you to do.

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Reading the letter of the Word with a natural mind does not produce results. It is the Spirit of God behind the letter of the Word that gives it life and power.

28. Keep your word.

Psalms 15:1 LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

5 He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

Moffatt Translation

Psalms 15:4 He has contempt for rogues, and honours those who reverence the Eternal; he keeps to his oath, though he may lose by it.

Jerusalem Bible

Psalms 15:4who stands by his pledge at any cost.

Psalms For Today

Psalms 15:4one who will keep a promise even to his own detriment, and will not retract.

Jerusalem Bible

Psalms 15:4who stands by his pledge at any cost.

Amplified Bible

Psalms 15:4 In whose eyes a vile person is despised, but he who honors those who fear the Lord (who revere and worship Him); who swears to his own hurt and does not change.

Knox Translation

Psalms 15:4 What do they do but lay up fresh store of sorrows, that betake themselves to alien gods? Not with these will I pour out the blood of sacrifice; I will not take forbidden names on my lips.

Be a person that keeps your word. Do what you say you will do even if it costs you something to do it. If you do not keep your word, you will have trouble believing God will keep His Word. Not keeping your word will hinder your faith. Words are very important and powerful. Do not make a promise if you do not think you can keep it. Develop a great respect for words. They can bless you if you use them properly (accurately).

29. Speak to the dry bones.

You can speak the Word of God to dry and lifeless things in your life and see them live again. The Word has life in it. Speak God's Word! Speak life!

Ezekiel 37:1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,

2 And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O LORD GOD, thou knowest.

*4 Again he said unto me, **Prophecy** upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.*

5 Thus saith the LORD GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:

6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

*7 So I **prophesied** as I was commanded: and as I **prophesied**, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.*

8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.

*9 Then said he unto me, **Prophecy** unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the LORD GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.*

*10 So I **prophesied** as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.*

11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

*12 Therefore unto them, Thus saith the LORD GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel **prophecy and say**.*

13 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

14 And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.

30. You have authority to bind and loose. You have been given the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

*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.*

Amplified Bible

*Matthew 16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you **bind** (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you **loose** (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven.*

It is up to **you**, not God, to do the binding and loosing.

31. Death and life are in the power of your tongue.

*Proverbs 18:21 **Death and life** are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*

Amplified Bible

*Proverbs 18:21 **Death and life** are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life].*

New American Standard

Proverbs 18:21 **Death and life** are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Words are powerful! You will eat the fruit of the words you speak. Many situations die in people's lives because they continue to speak words of death into them. Speak words of life and enjoy the fruit of them.

32. Words can bring a snare.

Proverbs 6:2 **Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth**, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.

Amplified Bible

Proverbs 6:2 **You are snared with the words of your lips**, you are caught by the speech of your mouth.

Numbers 14:28 **Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you.**

The children of Israel that were twenty-years-old and older died in the wilderness. They saw themselves as grasshoppers and unable to defeat the giants. That is what they said, and that is what happened to them.

Watch what you say! Find out what God says and say what He says.

Job 3:25 **For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.**

*Ephesians 4:27 Neither give **place** to the devil.*

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John 14:30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

Jesus only said words the Father told Him to say; therefore, Satan had no place in Him to get a foothold. Wrong words give the devil something to work with. Right words give God something to work with.

33. You have to speak (ask) in order to receive.

Matthew 6:8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

God knows what you need before you ask; but, you still have to ask in order to receive!

*James 4:2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, **yet ye have not, because ye ask not.***

Because man sinned and relinquished his God-given authority, Satan is presently the god of this world. God does not have a legal right to do anything He wants to on earth unless someone on earth asks Him to.

34. God confirms the word of His servant.

Isaiah 44:26 That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof.

God will confirm His Word; but, you have to believe it, speak it and refuse to turn loose of it until what you are believing for is manifested in your life.

35. God releases His faith by speaking what He desires.

Genesis 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

36. God wants to fill your mouth with His Word.

Psalms 81:10 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

Psalms 107:2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

37. The kingdom of God is within you.

Luke 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

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.

The kingdom of God within you has the capacity to bring into manifestation everything that concerns you that is in the heavenly kingdom of God. The kingdom of God within you is likened to the garden Adam lived in. It is capable of producing everything you need; but, you have to sow the things you desire by speaking the promises of God.

38. Hearing the Word of God does not automatically put faith in your heart unless you believe it.

The Word, which is the seed, must be received and conceived in your heart.

Zacharias was struck dumb for unbelief.

Luke 1:13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

Luke 1:18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings.

*20 And, behold, thou shalt be **dumb, and not able to speak**, until the day that these things shall be performed, **because thou believest not my words**, which shall be fulfilled in their season.*

Mary believed the angel and conceived the Word in her heart.

*Luke 1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name **JESUS**.*

*Luke 1:38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; **be it unto me according to thy word**. And the angel departed from her.*

The Word has Spirit life in it.

*John 6:63 It is the **spirit** that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are **spirit**, and they are **life**.*

Your spirit is designed to function on the Word of God. Everything God has for you (new birth, healing, deliverance, wisdom, help, etc.) happens by conceiving His Word in your spirit. The Word of God conceived in your heart and spoken with your tongue releases the ability of God, which is a spiritual force.

Romans 10:6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach.

You do not have to bring Christ back to earth to receive from Him. His work to redeem and restore you is finished. Your heart listens to you and believes what you say is what you want. The Word is first in your mouth and then in your heart.

39. Your spirit knows all about you.

*1 Corinthians 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the **spirit** of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.*

Your spirit can receive from the Spirit of God the things that are most fitting for you to speak over your life. Your spirit will work day and night to find the seeds that will bring to pass what you are speaking and believing.

40. Sow (speak) the seed for the harvest you desire.

*Genesis 1:11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, **whose seed is in itself**, upon the earth: and it was so.*

*12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, **whose seed was in itself**, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*

Genesis 8:22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

There is creative power released when you believe and speak! Restrain yourself from speaking negative words that will have an adverse effect on your life! Speak the Word of God! It is full of power to bring forth God's plan and provision in your life.

41. Learn to develop your faith to believe that everything you say will come to pass, not just what you say to the mountain.

Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

In order for faith to work effectively, you must only speak words you can release faith into. Stop speaking words you do not release faith into. For example, you do not release faith when you say, "That sure is a big dog," when it is a little dog. You do not release faith when you say, "It sure is hot," when it is cold. Practice believing what you say and releasing faith in **all** your words.

42. Take the knowledge of God's Word and put His promises in your mouth.

2 Peter 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

43. The mystery of faith is in a pure conscience.

*1 Timothy 3:9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a **pure conscience**.*

For faith to work, you must have a clear conscience. A wrong attitude or motive will hinder faith from working.

44. Faith in your heart is the ability of your spirit to conceive God's Word.

Mark 4:26 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

Planting the seed in your heart involves hearing, believing and speaking the Word of God.

Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

2 Corinthians 9:6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

Galatians 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

You will have to say some things over and over before you believe and conceive them in your spirit.

45. There is a difference between the prayer of faith (petition) and the prayer of intercession.

The **prayer of faith** is based on a promise made to you in God's Word. It is prayed only once and then you stand your ground until it is manifested, continuing in praise and thanksgiving until the answer comes.

The **prayer of intercession** is prayed over and over. For example, bind the powers of darkness that affect your finances and render them powerless.

46. Confessing God's Word works.

God's Word will not return void.

*Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: **it shall not return unto me void**, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*

When you speak the Word, you hear the Word. Hearing the Word causes faith to come and to grow. You keep the Word in the midst of your heart by speaking it.

Proverbs 4:20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

Speak the Word to call things into being that do not exist.

1 Corinthians 1:26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are.

2 Corinthians 4:13 *We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.*

2 Corinthians 4:17 *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;*

18 *While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

Romans 4:17 *(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.*

Wuest Translation

Romans 4:17 *...and calls the things that are not in existence as being in existence.*

New American Standard Version

Romans 4:17 *(As it is written, "A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the sight of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.*

Amplified Bible

Romans 4:17 *...Who gives life to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed.*

Romans 12:21 *Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.*

Call into existence God's promises, and they will nullify things that exist that you do not want.

Proverbs 7:4 Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman.

Confession is affirming what God says, witnessing to its declarations and testifying of truths revealed in the Bible. Words are the seeds that produce. The things Jesus did were first spoken by the prophets. Nothing happens without words being spoken first.

CONFESSION

I initiate and activate the blessings that belong to me in God's Word by speaking them.

**LIFE AND POWER OF WORDS
LESSON SIX**

THE WORD OF GOD

The written Word of God is the primary means that God uses to reveal Himself and His plan of redemption to you. His Word never changes. It cannot be added to or anything taken from it. It is dependable and contains answers to meet every need in your life.

- 1. God cannot lie. He makes His Word good. He will do what He says He will do!**

Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

- 2. Obeying God's Word brings blessings.**

*Deuteronomy 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:
2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.*

3. Obeying God's Word causes you to be successful.

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

4. Meditating in the Word causes you to develop spiritually and to remain strong.

Psalms 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Amplified Bible

Psalms 1:1 Blessed (happy, fortunate, prosperous, and enviable) is the man who walks and lives not in the counsel of the ungodly [following their advice, their plans and purposes], nor stands [submissive and inactive] in the path where sinners walk, nor sits down [to relax and rest] where the scornful [and the mockers] gather.

2 But his delight and desire are in the law of the Lord, and on His law (the precepts, the instructions, the teachings of God) he habitually meditates (ponders and studies) by day and by night.

3 And he shall be like a tree firmly planted [and tended] by the streams of water, ready to bring forth its fruit in its season; its leaf also shall not fade or wither; and everything he does shall prosper [and come to maturity].

Jeremiah 17:7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

Amplified Bible

Jeremiah 17:7 [Most] blessed is the man who believes in, trusts in, and relies on the Lord, and whose hope and confidence the Lord is.

8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters that spreads out its roots by the river; and it shall not see and fear when heat comes; but its leaf shall be green. It shall not be anxious and full of care in the year of drought, nor shall it cease yielding fruit.

5. The Word of God cannot be changed or altered.

*Psalms 89:34 My covenant will I **not break**, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.*

6. The Lord, who is The Word (John 1:1), is your refuge and fortress.

*Psalms 91:2 I will say of the LORD, He is my **refuge** and my **fortress**: my God; in him will I trust.*

7. The Word heals and delivers.

*Psalms 107:20 He sent his word, and **healed** them, and **delivered** them from their destructions.*

8. The Word brings peace and prevents stumbling.

*Psalms 119:165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall **offend** them.*

OFFEND
cause to stumble

9. Attending to God's Word brings life and health.

Proverbs 4:20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

*22 For they are life unto those that find them, and **health** to all their flesh.*

HEALTH
medicine

See to it that you give attention to what God's Word says. Do not allow things to pull your attention away from Him. His Word is life and medicine to those who find it.

10. Despising the Word brings destruction.

*Proverbs 13:13 Whoso **despiset**h the word shall be destroyed: but he that **feareth** the commandment shall be rewarded.*

DESPISETH
does not give the proper attention to

FEARETH
reverently respects

11. The Word will stand forever.

*Isaiah 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand **for ever**.*

12. The Word is like rain and snow. It waters the earth and causes it to produce.

Isaiah 55:10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

13. God looks at the person who trembles at His Word.

*Isaiah 66:2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and **trembleth at my word**.*

14. God hastens (watches over) His Word to perform it.

*Jeremiah 1:12 Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will **hasten** my word to perform it.*

Amplified Bible

*Jeremiah 1:12 Then said the Lord to me, You have seen well, for I am **alert and active** watching over My word to perform it.*

15. The Word is like a fire and a hammer.

*Jeremiah 23:29 Is not my word like as a **fire**? saith the LORD; and like a **hammer** that breaketh the rock in pieces?*

God's Word will break down and consume the most stubborn resistance if you hold fast to it and believe it.

16. You cannot live by bread alone. You live by every word of God.

*Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, **Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.***

Do not pick out and live only by your most favorite Scriptures. Abundant victory comes by living by **every** word of God. Obeying God in every area of life is essential to having a victorious walk of faith.

17. Act on the Word of God.

*Matthew 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and **doeth them**, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:*

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

True victory belongs to those who not only hear the Word, but obey and practice what it says.

18. Speaking and believing the Word brings healing.

*Matthew 8:8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but **speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.***

The centurion had great faith. Great faith does not rely on sight or feelings. It relies solely upon what the Word says!

19. Understanding the Word is necessary to produce a harvest.

*Matthew 13:23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and **understandeth it**; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.*

Study and meditate God's Word until spiritual understanding comes. When the Word is conceived in your heart as a seed is in the ground, it will produce a harvest.

20. The Word never changes or passes away.

*Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but **my words shall not pass away.***

People and circumstances change. You can depend on God's Word because it will **never** change!

21. God confirms His Word.

*Mark 16:20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and **confirming** the word with signs following. Amen.*

Believe and obey God's Word. He moves according to His Word and confirms His Word. Focus on the Word of God, not on your feelings or on how badly something is needed.

22. The Word is likened to a seed.

*Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: **The seed is the word of God.***

*Mark 4:14 **The sower soweth the word.***

15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word,

19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

The devil will bring many things to try to pull your attention away from the Word. Do not let people, circumstances, anxieties of life and desires for other things cause you to pay more attention to them than you do to God's Word. Sow the Word in your heart the way you sow seed in the ground. Plant it. Water it.

Cultivate it. Believe it in your heart. Say what it says. Continue to believe and speak God's Word until what you believe and speak comes to pass.

23. Jesus is called the Word.

*John 1:1 In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God.*

*1 John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the **Word**, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.*

*Revelation 19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called **The Word of God**.*

24. The Word (Jesus) lived in human flesh.

*John 1:14 And the **Word** was made flesh, and dwelt **among us**, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

Jesus Christ was 100% man and 100% God. He was the second person of the Godhead dwelling in human flesh.

25. God's words have spirit and life in them.

*John 6:63 It is the **spirit** that **quickeneth**; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are **spirit**, and they are **life**.*

QUICKENETH

gives life

26. True disciples continue in the Word.

*John 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed.***

Continue to read, study, believe and speak God's Word.

27. God hears the person who is a doer of His Word.

The Word of God is the will of God. When you do what the Word says to do, you are doing God's will. He hears and answers the prayers of those who worship Him and obey His Word.

*John 9:31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man **be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.***

28. Obeying the Word brings happiness.

*John 13:17 If ye know these things, **happy** are ye if ye do them.*

29. The apostles gave themselves to prayer and the Word.

*Acts 6:4 But we will give ourselves continually to **prayer**, and to the **ministry of the word.***

30. Keep God's Word continually alive in your heart.

John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

31. The gospel (the Word) is the power of God to all believers.

*Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the **power of God unto salvation** to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

Salvation includes the new birth, joy, peace, prosperity, victory, healing, deliverance and much more.

32. The Word of God is called the Word of Faith. The Word has faith in it.

*Romans 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, **the word of faith**, which we preach.*

Speaking the Word out of your mouth and believing it in your heart will cause faith to grow and increase.

33. Hearing the Word causes faith to come.

*Romans 10:17 So then **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.***

Faith does not come by shouting, hard work or religious activities and ceremonies. Faith **only** comes by hearing the Word of God.

34. Hearing the gospel preached produces power in them that believe.

*1 Corinthians 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the **power of God.***

The preaching of the cross is preaching the Word.

35. Speaking the Word of God to yourself causes you to have a continual infilling of the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but **be filled** with the Spirit;

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

BE FILLED
(Greek meaning)

be in the process of being filled

36. The Word cleanses the church.

Ephesians 5:26 That he might **sanctify** and cleanse **it** with the washing of water by the word.

SANCTIFY

separate

set apart from the world

“**It**” in Ephesians 5:26 refers to the church, which is the body of Christ. Christians need to be cleansed and washed from the filth of the world that tries to attach itself to them. This washing and cleansing takes place by obeying the Word of God!

37. Let the Word dwell in you richly.

*Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you **richly** in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

38. God's Word is truth.

*1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as **it is in truth, the word of God**, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.*

God uses men and women to speak His Word. Receive it as **God's** Word, not just as human words.

39. Those who labor in the Word are worthy of double honor.

*1 Timothy 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of **double honour**, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.*

40. Study the Word.

*2 Timothy 2:15 **Study** to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

41. The Word is inspired of God and is profitable.

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

42. Preach the Word, not politics, personal opinions or someone's ideas.

*2 Timothy 4:2 **Preach the word**; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*

43. The Word upholds all things.

*Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and **upholding all things by the word of his power**, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.*

Amplified Bible

*Hebrews 1:3 He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint and very image of [God's] nature, **upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty word of power**. When He had by offering Himself accomplished our cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the divine Majesty on high.*

44. The Word must be mixed with faith in order for it to profit you.

*Hebrews 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, **not being mixed with faith** in them that heard it.*

45. The Word is alive and powerful.

*Hebrews 4:12 For the Word of God is **quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword**, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

Amplified Bible

*Hebrews 4:12 For the Word that God speaks is **alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]**; it is **sharper than any two-edged sword**, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.*

46. The worlds were framed by God's Word.

*Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the **worlds were framed by the word of God**, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*

47. Receiving God's Word will deliver your soul (mind, will and emotions).

*James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to **save your souls**.*

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25 *But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.*

Amplified Bible

James 1:21 *So get rid of all uncleanness and the rampant outgrowth of wickedness, and in a humble (gentle, modest) spirit receive and welcome the Word which implanted and rooted [in your hearts] contains the power to **save your souls**.*

48. The Word is alive.

1 Peter 1:23 *Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which **liveth** and abideth for ever.*

Amplified Bible

1 Peter 1:23 *You have been regenerated (born again), not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the **ever living** and lasting Word of God.*

49. Acting on the Word will cause you to grow spiritually.

1 Peter 2:2 *As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may **grow** thereby.*

50. By partaking of God's promises (His Word), you become a partaker of His divine nature.

2 Peter 1:4 *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

Be sure to get a firm hold on the truths that have already come to you. Maintain your grip on what you already know to be true.

51. Be established in the present truth.

*2 Peter 1:12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be **established in the present truth**.*

52. The love of God grows and matures in you as you act on the Word.

*1 John 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God **perfected**: hereby know we that we are in him.*

PERFECTED

matured

53. Keeping God's Word helps bring answers to prayer.

*1 John 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, **because we keep his commandments**, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.*

54. Speaking or testifying to the Word helps make you an overcomer.

*Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the **word of their testimony**; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

55. Jesus Christ will destroy His enemies at the battle of Armageddon by the Word of God that comes out of His mouth.

Revelation 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

56. God is building the church upon the Rock, who is Jesus, the Living Word.

*Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and **upon this rock I will build my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

57. Act on the Word regardless of how circumstances look.

*Luke 5:5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless **at thy word I will let down the net.***

58. The Word is your guide.

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Amplified Bible

Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success.

*Psalms 19:11 Moreover by them is thy servant **warned**:
and in keeping of them there is great reward.*

WARNED

reminded

illuminated

instructed

*Psalms 23:3 He restoreth my soul: he **leadeth me** in the
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Psalms 32:8 I will **instruct thee and teach thee** in the
way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.*

*Psalms 37:23 The steps of a good man are **ordered** by the
LORD: and he delighteth in his way.*

ORDERED

directed

established

*Psalms 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his
way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.*

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

*Psalms 119:24 Thy testimonies also are my delight and
my counsellors.*

Psalms 119:105 *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

Psalms 119:130 *The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.*

Amplified Bible

Psalms 119:130 *The entrance and unfolding of Your words give light; their unfolding gives understanding (discernment and comprehension) to the simple.*

Proverbs 6:22 *When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.*

23 *For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.*

New English Bible

Proverbs 6:23 *For a command is a lamp and teaching a light; reproof and correction point the way of life.*

The Old Testament: An American Translation

Proverbs 6:23 *For the charge is a lamp and the instruction a light; the admonitions of discipline are the way of life.*

Jerusalem Bible

Proverbs 6:23 *For this principle is a lamp, this teaching is a light; correction and discipline are the way to life.*

Isaiah 30:21 *And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.*

Luke 1:79 *To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

God's Word is like a seed. Plant it in your heart. Water it with faith-filled action and confession. Your confession is based on not only the written Word, but the Living Word, Jesus Christ. Be your own faith-builder by holding fast to the Word until the promises are manifested in your life.

CONFESSION

I believe the Bible is the precious, holy, written Word of God. The Bible is God speaking to me. It contains His complete plan of redemption for my spirit, soul and body. It contains the answers to meet any and every need I may have in life.

LIFE AND POWER OF WORDS
LESSON SEVEN

DO ALL THINGS WITHOUT MURMURING

You cannot murmur and be in faith at the same time. Murmuring and complaining can slow down, hinder or even stop your faith from working. You must remove murmuring from your life if you expect to be successful concerning faith.

1. Do all things without murmuring.

Philippians 2:14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings.

Amplified Bible

Philippians 2:14 Do all things without grumbling and faultfinding and complaining [against God] and questioning and doubting [among yourselves].

To murmur and whine indicates that you do not believe and trust God to do what His Word promises. You cannot be in faith while murmuring and complaining. If you are in faith, you **know** God will keep His promises and victory is on its way!

2. Murmuring opens the door to defeat.

*1 Corinthians 10:10 Neither **murmur** ye, as some of them also **murmured**, and were destroyed of the destroyer.*

Amplified Bible

*1 Corinthians 10:10 Nor **discontentedly complain** as some of them did—and were put out of the way entirely by the destroyer (death).*

Eighty percent of the plagues that happened to the children of Israel in the wilderness were due to their murmuring. They did not believe what God told them, but instead looked at their circumstances in unbelief.

MURMER			
Complain	Criticize	Groan	Grumble
Lament	Gripe or Kick	Be Discontent	Be Grudging
Howl or Holler	Whimper or Whine	Speak Imperfect Words	Be Obstinate Especially in Words

FRET			
Agitated	Angry	Anxious	Disagreeable
Impatient	Irritated	Provoked	Worried

Numbers 14:28 Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you: 29 Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward which have **murmured** against me.

Numbers 16:41 But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel **murmured** against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD.

42 And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord appeared.

43 And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation.

44 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

45 Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces.

46 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the LORD; the plague is begun.

47 And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people.

48 And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed.

49 Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, beside them that died about the matter of Korah.

*Numbers 17:5 And it shall come to pass, that the man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall blossom: and I will make to cease from me the **murmurings** of the children of Israel, whereby they **murmur** against you.*

*Numbers 17:10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Bring Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the rebels; and thou shalt quite take away their **murmurings** from me, that they die not.*

If you begin murmuring, stop it! Repent, ask for forgiveness and return to trusting and believing God.

3. It takes both willingness and obedience to be blessed.

Isaiah 1:19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.

Some people are obedient, but not really willing. They are doing what they should; but, whining, fretting and complaining at the same time.

*1 Chronicles 28:9 And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a **willing mind**: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.*

*2 Corinthians 8:12 For if there be first a **willing mind**, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.*

4. Do not fret.

*Psalms 37:1 **Fret not** thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.*

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

4 Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Stop being agitated and wondering why some evildoers appear to be blessed. Their blessings will come to an end. Those that trust and obey the Lord will be blessed forever.

*Philippians 4:6 **Be careful for nothing**; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*

Amplified Bible

*Philippians 4:6 **Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything**, but in every circumstance and in everything by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving continue to make your wants known to God.*

Stop fretting and being anxious. Go to God in prayer about everything. Give Him thanks that He is working everything out for your good.

5. Use hospitality without grudging.

*1 Peter 4:9 Use **hospitality** one to another without grudging.*

Amplified Bible

*1 Peter 4:9 **Practice hospitality** to one another (those of the household of faith). [Be hospitable, be a lover of strangers, with brotherly affection for the unknown guests, the foreigners, the poor, and all others who come your way who are of Christ's body.] And [in each instance] do it ungrudgingly (cordially and graciously, without complaining but as representing Him).*

*James 5:9 **Grudge** not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.*

GRUDGE

complain

6. Murmuring caused the first strife in the early church.

Acts 6:1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a **murmuring** of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations.

No cause of murmuring has ever been justified or sanctioned by God regardless of how right the cause. Murmuring is always condemned and cursed.

7. God hates discord.

Proverbs 6:16 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth **discord** among brethren.

8. Be in control of your temper.

Proverbs 16:32 He that is **slow to anger** is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

New International Version

Proverbs 16:32 Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who **controls his temper** than one who takes a city.

1 Thessalonians 5:8 But let us, who are of the day, **be sober**, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

New International Version

*1 Thessalonians 5:8 But since we belong to the day, let us **be self-controlled**, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.*

9. Envy (jealousy) was the motivation that put Jesus on the cross.

*Matthew 27:18 For he knew that for **envy** they had delivered him.*

10. Abraham had to separate from Lot because of strife between their herdmen.

The promised blessing can only fully come when you **completely obey** the Lord.

Genesis 13:7 And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.

8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.

9 Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

Genesis 13:14 And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

16 *And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.*

17 *Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.*

11. Fretting tends to evildoing.

Psalms 37:8 *Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: **fret not thyself** in any wise to do evil.*

Amplified Bible

Psalms 37:8 *Cease from anger and forsake wrath; **fret not yourself—it tends only to evildoing.***

12. Stay calm in times of adversity.

Psalms 94:12 *Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;*

13 *That thou mayest give him **rest** from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.*

Amplified Bible

Psalms 94:12 *Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man whom you discipline and instruct, O Lord, and teach out of your law.*

13 *That you may give him power to **keep himself calm** in the days of adversity, until the [inevitable] pit of corruption is dug for the wicked.*

Philippians 4:11 *Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be **content.***

Amplified Bible

Philippians 4:11 *Not that I am implying that I was in any personal want, for I have learned how to be **content** (satisfied to the point where I am not disturbed or disquieted) in whatever state I am.*

What you confess with your mouth reacts on your heart. From the abundance of your heart, your mouth speaks. Murmuring and complaining shows a lack of trust in God and His ability to do what He said He would do. The penalty for wavering in your confession is that you deny yourself God's promises and the performance of them.

Few people realize the effect they have on their own spirit, whether positive or negative. You must realize the effect of your spoken word on your heart and on your adversary.

CONFESSION

Murmuring and complaining is not a part of my daily conversation or speech. I do not allow thoughts of doubt and fear to persist in my mind or to be spoken through my lips. I have the mind of Christ and speak His Word concerning every situation in my life.

**LIFE AND POWER OF WORDS
LESSON EIGHT**

SPEAK THE WORD

The Word of God is the will of God. It is the will of God for you to have what the Word of God declares is yours.

1 John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

When you pray, say out loud what the Word of God says about you. Believe from your heart that what you are saying is yours and that it will come to pass in your life. Speak the Word consistently. Make declaring the Word part of your daily routine.

Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Weymouth Translation

Mark 11:24 That is why I tell you, whatever you pray and ask for, if you believe that you have received it—it shall be yours.

Matthew 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

FAITH-FILLED CONFESSIONS BASED ON SCRIPTURE

1. The Lord gives me the ability to produce wealth that He may establish His covenant. *Deuteronomy 8:18 New International Version*
2. I am the head and not the tail. I am above only and not beneath. *Deuteronomy 28:13*
3. I am not afraid or dismayed by reason of these troubles. The battle is not mine, but God's. *2 Chronicles 20:15 & 17*
4. The joy of the Lord is my strength. *Nehemiah 8:10*
5. I meditate in God's Word day and night. I am like a tree planted by the rivers of water. I bring forth fruit in my season. My leaf does not wither and whatsoever I do will prosper. *Psalms 1:2-3*
6. The Lord compasses me about with favor as with a shield. *Psalms 5:12*
7. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, my deliverer, my God and my strength in whom I do trust. He is my buckler, the horn of my salvation and my high tower. *Psalms 18:2*
8. The Lord is my Shepherd. He feeds, guides and shields me so that I have no lack. *Psalms 23:1 Amplified Bible*
9. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for the Lord is with me. His rod protects me. His staff guides and comforts me. *Psalms 23:4*
10. The Lord is the strength of my life. *Psalms 27:1*

11. The Lord instructs and teaches me in the way I should go. He guides me with His eye. *Psalms 32:8*
12. My soul waits for the Lord. He is my help and my shield. *Psalms 33:20*
13. The angel of the Lord encamps around about me and delivers me because I reverence the Lord. *Psalms 34:7*
14. I delight myself in the Lord, and He gives me the desires of my heart. *Psalms 37:4*
15. No evil will befall me, neither will any plague come nigh my dwelling. The Lord gives His angels charge over me to keep me in all my ways. *Psalms 91:10-11*
16. The Lord is my defense. My God is the rock of my refuge. *Psalms 94:22*
17. I will bless the LORD and forget not all His benefits. He forgives all my iniquities and heals all my diseases. He redeems my life from destruction. He crowns me with loving-kindness and tender mercies. *Psalms 103:2-4*
18. God's Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. *Psalms 119:105*
19. I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help. My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth. *Psalms 121:1-2 New King James Version*
20. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me. You will stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies. Your right hand will save me. *Psalms 138:7 New King James Version*

21. The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me. *Psalms 138:8 New International Version*
22. I trust in the Lord with all my heart and lean not to my own understanding. In all my ways I acknowledge Him and He directs my paths. *Proverbs 3:5-6*
23. The Lord is my confidence, firm and strong. He keeps my foot from being caught in a trap or hidden danger. *Proverbs 3:26 Amplified Bible*
24. I give time and attention to God's Word. I do not let it depart from before my eyes. It is life and health to me. I incline my ear to God's sayings and do not let them depart from my eyes. I keep them in the midst of my heart. God's Words are life to me because I find them. They are health (medicine) to all my flesh. *Proverbs 4:20-22*
25. God's commandment is a lamp. His law is light to me. Reproofs of instruction are the way of life for me. *Proverbs 6:23*
26. I say to wisdom, You are my sister. I call understanding my kinswoman. *Proverbs 7:4*
27. In my pathway is life, and there is no death. I walk in righteousness. In the way of righteousness is life. *Proverbs 12:28*
28. To man belong the plans of the heart; but, from the LORD comes the reply of the tongue. I commit my works to the Lord. *Proverbs 16:1 & 3 New International Version*

29. The plans of the mind and orderly thinking belong to man; but, from the Lord comes the wise answer of the tongue. I roll my works upon the Lord. I commit and trust them wholly to Him. He causes my thoughts to become agreeable to His will and so shall my plans be established and succeed. *Proverbs 16:1 & 3 Amplified Bible*
30. The name of the Lord is a strong tower. I, the righteous, run into it and I am safe. *Proverbs 18:10*
31. I hear a word behind me saying, This is the way, walk in it. *Isaiah 30:21*
32. God gives power to the faint. To them who have no might, He increases strength. *Isaiah 40:29*
33. I wait upon the Lord and He renews my strength. I mount up with wings as eagles. I run and do not become weary. I walk and do not faint. *Isaiah 40:39*
34. When I pass through the waters, the Lord is with me. When I pass through the rivers, they will not overflow me. When I walk through the fire, I will not be burned, neither will the flame kindle upon me. *Isaiah 43:2*
35. God is doing a new thing. He is making a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. *Isaiah 43:19*
36. The Lord teaches me to profit and leads me in the way I should go. *Isaiah 48:17*
37. The Lord will contend with him who contends with me. He will save me. *Isaiah 49:25*
38. By Jesus' stripes, I am healed. *Isaiah 53:5*

39. My children shall be taught of the Lord and great shall be their peace. *Isaiah 54:13*
40. No weapon formed against me shall prosper. *Isaiah 54:17*
41. The Lord restores health to me. He heals me of my wounds. *Jeremiah 30:17*
42. I pray and call on the Lord. He shows me great and mighty things that I did not know. *Jeremiah 33:3*
43. I shout Grace, Grace to these mountains, and they become a plain. It is not by might nor by power, but by the Spirit of the Lord. *Zechariah 4:6-7*
44. I receive all things that I ask in prayer believing. *Matthew 21:22*
45. All things are possible to me when I believe. *Mark 9:23*
46. I can have what I say when I do not doubt in my heart, but believe those things that I say will come to pass. *Mark 11:23*
47. I believe I have received what I prayed for. I will have it. *Mark 11:24*
48. I know the Lord's voice. I follow Him. I recognize the voice of strangers and do not follow them. *John 10:4-5*
49. The Holy Spirit teaches me all things and brings all things to my remembrance that He has said to me. *John 14:26*
50. In all these things I am more than a conqueror through Him who loves me. *Romans 8:37*

51. I am not conformed by pressure to the world's way of thinking. I am transformed by thinking in line with God's Word. This causes His will to be done in my life. *Romans 12:2*
52. I have the mind of Christ. *1 Corinthians 2:16*
53. I endure long and am patient and kind. I am not envious and do not boil over with jealousy. I am not boastful and do not display myself haughtily. I am not conceited, arrogant or inflated with pride. I am not rude or unmannerly and do not act unbecomingly. I do not insist on my own rights or ways. I am not self-seeking, touchy, fretful or resentful. I take no account of evil done to me. I pay no attention to a suffered wrong. I do not rejoice at injustice. I rejoice when right and truth prevail. The love of God in me bears up under anything and everything that comes and is ever ready to believe the best of every person. *1 Corinthians 13:4-7*
54. By grace, the Lord Jesus Christ, though He was rich became poor, that through His poverty I might be rich. *2 Corinthians 8:9*
55. I have all sufficiency in all things and abound to every good work. *2 Corinthians 9:8*
56. God's grace is sufficient for me. *2 Corinthians 12:9*
57. Christ has redeemed me from the curse of the law. The blessing of Abraham is upon me through faith in Jesus Christ. *Galatians 3:12-14*
58. God's power is at work within me and is able to carry out His purpose and do superabundantly, far over and above all I dare ask or think—beyond my highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes or dreams. *Ephesians 3:20 Amplified Bible*
59. I refuse to give occasion or place to the devil. *Ephesians 4:27*

60. I do not allow any foul or polluting language or evil, unwholesome, worthless talk ever come out of my mouth, only such speech as is good and beneficial to the spiritual progress of others and fitting to the need and occasion. *Ephesians 4:29 Amplified Bible*
61. I take the shield of faith and stop every attack the enemy brings against me. *Ephesians 6:16*
62. I am confident that He who has begun a good work in me will perform it. *Philippians 1:6*
63. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. *Philippians 4:13*
64. My God supplies all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:19*
65. I let the peace of Christ act as umpire, deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in my mind. *Colossians 3:15 Amplified Bible*
66. I boldly say that the Lord is my Helper. I will not fear what man shall do to me. *Hebrews 13:6*
67. I submit myself to God. I resist the devil and he flees from me. *James 4:7*
68. By Jesus' wounds (stripes), I have already been healed. *1 Peter 2:24 Amplified Bible*
69. Grace and peace is multiplied unto me through the knowledge of God and of Jesus, my Lord. *2 Peter 1:2*
70. I am an overcomer because greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world. *1 John 4:4*

71. I have overcome the enemy by the blood of the Lamb (Jesus Christ) and the word of my testimony. *Revelation 12:11*

CONFESSION

**I daily speak and declare the Word of God.
I take the sword of the Spirit, the spoken Word,
and use it as an offensive weapon
to overcome the enemy.**

LIFE AND POWER OF WORDS
LESSON NINE

CONFESSION NUGGETS
(Based on Principles from the Word of God)

1. The Word becomes real only as you confess its reality.
2. Realization can only follow confession.
3. What you confess with your mouth reacts on your heart (spirit.)
4. Confess the Word and act on your confession.
5. There is no action by God without your confession.
6. Do not pray and ask for things God has already given to you. Confess and agree with Him that they are yours.
7. You will never be a conqueror until you confess you are.
8. Confession precedes possession.
9. Faith follows in the footprints of your confession. Faith never rises above confession. Your faith or unbelief is determined by your confession.
10. Your confession builds the road over which faith hauls its mighty cargo.
11. Your confession of who God is, who you are I Him and what He has done for you always precedes His revelation of Himself.
12. You can never rise above the level of your confession.

13. Confession is affirming what the Word of God says, witnessing to its declarations and testifying of truths revealed in the Bible.
14. Agree with God. Say over and over what He says until the promises are manifested in your life.
15. Few people realize the effect they have on their own spirit, whether positive or negative. You must realize the effect of your spoken word on your heart and on your adversary.
16. The penalty for wavering in your confession is that you deny yourself God's promises and the performance of them.
17. Talking of failure and inferiority will eventually rob you of initiative.
18. Confessing who you are and what is yours in Christ will bring success.
19. There is no possession without confession.
20. Be your own faith-builder by using God's Word.
21. Your confession is based upon the Living Word.
22. Fill your lips with praise for answers to prayers you have prayed. The effect it will have on your heart is tremendous.
23. A bold, confident confession of God's Word brings new courage.
24. Your lips become the means of transportation of God's deliverance from heaven to meet your need here on earth.
25. Most of the sick in Jesus' ministry were healed with words.

26. God created the universe with faith-filled words.
27. Lazarus was raised from the dead by words.
28. Learn to use words that react on your own spirit and make you a conqueror.
29. The words you speak will either cause faith or fear to come.
30. Words transmit faith or fear.
31. Words empower God to work for you or empower demons to work against you.
32. Your words dominate you.
33. Dare to act on the Word. Hold fast to your confession in the face of circumstances and what your senses are telling you.
34. According to your actions, you either receive victory, are kept from receiving victory or are defeated.
35. It would not have done the woman with the issue of blood any good to stay where she was and say, "If I may but touch His clothes, I shall be whole." She had to add action to what she said. She pressed through the crowd and reached out to touch the hem of Jesus' garment.
36. Do more than just believe. Act on the Word. Do what the Word says to do.
37. There is no faith or it is dead and unproductive without words and actions.
38. You have to put faith into action for it to work.

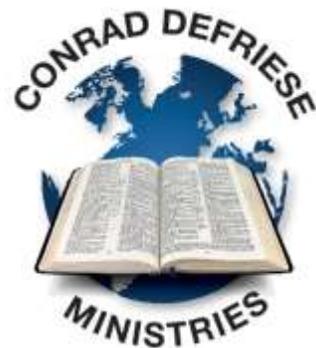
39. Do not try to act on someone else's faith or act from a mental standpoint.
40. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God.
41. Faith must be acted upon for the power of God to be released.
42. Faith never grows beyond your confession.
43. Faith confesses that you have the money before it arrives.
Faith confesses perfect healing while pain is still in the body.
Faith confesses victory while defeat still holds you captive.
44. Your words determine your faith.

CONFESSION

My meditation and conversation is based on and guided by the precepts and principles of God's Word.

My prayer is that this study on the life and power of words brings increased revelation and understanding to you as to the importance and power that is in the words you speak. It is the will of God for you to have what the Word declares is yours. Be encouraged to get into agreement with God's Word. Speak the Word in faith until the manifestation. Act on the Word! God's Word cannot fail!

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