

THINK, SPEAK AND DO – Part 3

Joshua 1:8

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.

When we were with you last time, we said that this verse gives us three things that are essential to success—how we *think*, what we say (or *speak*) and what we *do*. Moreover, we said to you that of these three things, how we think matters the most. While we still believe this is true, coming in a close second is what we speak. Our words and our thoughts have a tremendous affect on our reality.

Proverbs 18:21

21 DEATH AND LIFE ARE IN THE POWER OF THE TONGUE: And they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

The “tongue” (our words) have tremendous power to shape our lives. In fact, studies have shown that our words have the power to change and alter our DNA. Recent studies published in *Scientific America* and the *National Institute of Health* have found that our DNA can be repaired and even reprogramed by what we think or by what we say.

Our DNA is an *information center* and is responsible for the development and maintenance of all living cells. Although modern science has developed technology that can change how genes behave within our DNA (MRNA vaccines are based on this technology), scientists now believe we can perform the same changes through speech. In other words, our DNA is designed by God to respond to language (our words)!

People are eager to change what they do. However, if we change who we are (DNA), then what we do will change *automatically*. Moreover, the way we change who we are (DNA) is by changing what we think and what we we say. Now, someone might say, “This sounds a lot like you’re saying we can change our reality by thinking and speaking the right things. If so, what’s the difference between this and New Age Thought (or positive thinking)?” This is a good question. Many people confuse positive thinking/speaking with biblical faith.

First of all, *positive thinking/speaking* differs from confessions of faith in that sometimes...

IT SPEAKS ILLEGALLY

Meaning, it tries to gain access to spiritual things apart from God's methods.

John 10:1

1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth NOT BY THE DOOR into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, THE SAME IS A THIEF AND A ROBBER.

Anyone who tries to access the things of God apart from God's methods ("going through the door"), they are acting *illegally*. Moreover, you cannot access the things of God illegally and expect them to work!

James 5:16

16 CONFESS YOUR FAULTS one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILETH MUCH.

We put a lot of emphasis on saying the right things. However, our words or our prayers will not 'avail' if we're speaking and praying *illegally* (or in sin). If we want our prayers to work and be effective, then we must *repent*. And one of the signs that a person has truly repented and been *forgiven* is they will receive the thing they have prayed for or confessed.

Matthew 9:2, 5

2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. 5 For whether is easier, to say, THY SINS BE FORGIVEN THEE; or to say, ARISE, AND WALK?

Now, it's possible to receive healing (or some other thing) without repenting, but the problem is that thing will eventually *return*.

Matthew 12:43–45

43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. 44 Then he saith, I WILL RETURN INTO MY HOUSE from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. 45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

Does this mean that ALL sickness is a result of sin? Certainly, not.

John 9:2, 3

² And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, WHO DID SIN, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? ³ Jesus answered, NEITHER hath this man sinned, nor his parents: BUT THAT THE WORKS OF GOD SHOULD BE MADE MANIFEST IN HIM.

Not all sickness is a PUNISHMENT for sin. Sometimes it's an opportunity to see the glory and power of God.

2 Corinthians 1:8, 9

⁸ For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: ⁹ But WE HAD THE SENTENCE OF DEATH IN OURSELVES, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which RAISETH THE DEAD:

God doesn't always save from death. Sometimes He wants to save THROUGH death (i.e. from the dead)!

This brings me to my next point. Positive thinking or speaking differs from confessions of faith in that sometimes...

IT SPEAKS IN OPPOSITION

Meaning, sometimes positive thinking/speaking (New Age Thought) speaks in opposition to God. It doesn't always take into consideration what God wants. It only cares about what it wants.

Numbers 23:8

⁸ HOW SHALL I CURSE, WHOM GOD HATH NOT CURSED? Or how shall I defy, whom the Lord hath not defied?

You cannot bring to pass what you want by speaking if what you want is in direct opposition to what God has said!

My final point is this, positive thinking/speaking (New Age Thought) differs from confessions of faith in that sometimes...

IT SPEAKS INACCURATELY

Positive thinking/speaking (New Age Thought) is aimed at speaking things *into* existence. This is really an inaccurate way of speaking. If we truly want to speak in *faith*, then we must learn to speak as if things ALREADY exist!

Romans 10:5–8

⁵ For Moses describeth THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS OF THE LAW, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. 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;

Paul is here describing the difference between seeking righteousness through the law and seeking it through faith. The man who seeks righteousness *by the law* tries to bring righteousness to pass through his adherence to the law. On the other hand, the man who seek righteousness *by faith* is not trying to bring righteousness to pass. He SPEAKS as if righteousness has ALREADY been brought to pass! In other words, he's not waiting on something to happen (i.e. for Christ to come down from heaven or up from the grave). He speaks as if these things are FACTS (i.e. *already* exist)! And since we know these things *already* exist, we can *rest* and allow God to manifest them in the physical realm!