

Excel In Speech

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But since you excel in everything in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you see that you also excel in this grace of giving. (2 Corinthians 8:7, NIV)

1. Our speech is to _____ God.

When we become new in Christ, we have a new way of thinking. We align ourselves with the word of God and allow it to renew a right spirit within us. Instead of letting our flesh win we take on the new man.

2. Our speech is setting an _____ to others.

We all have been given the mandate to win souls for Christ but if we are speaking just like the world. Joining in with negative gossip, then how are we demonstrating Christ to those who need him?

3. My speech has _____! The _____ Word of God.

Men sometimes speak idle or empty words, but God never does. Every word He has ever spoken has been filled with faith, power and life.

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. (Hebrews 4:12, NLT)

We speak Gods word by faith believing that Gods word is true. This in turn gives us confidence because we are speaking from a position of faith in Gods word with hearts of expectancy.

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through Him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. (2 Corinthians 1:20, NIV)

God has called us to be imitators of Christ.

The God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. (Romans 4:17, NIV)

Gods promise to us as we begin to excel in speaking and believing his word is that it will not return empty.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:10-11, NIV)

God will perform his word because he will not lose the honour of being true to it.

Scripture is a powerful force that creates change in both the _____ and _____ world when spoken.

For we are not fighting against flesh and blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:12, NLT)

When we declare aloud the word of the Lord. Whether in song or speech. When we stand and declare the living, breathing word of God over our circumstances, something begins to happen in the spiritual realm.

The Lord will march forth like a mighty hero He will come out like a warrior, full of fury. He will shout his battle cry and crush all his enemies. (Isaiah 42:13, NLT)

4. _____ will give you something to say! The _____ answer of the tongue.

The plans of the mind and orderly thinking belong to man, but from the Lord comes the wise answer of the tongue. (Proverbs 16:1, AMPC)

Jesus modelled this for us when He was led by the Spirit to give an answer in crisis. When Satan challenged Him in the wilderness, Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:1), and was given the _____ for every moment. It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4).

“You shall not put the Lord your God to the test” (Matthew 4:7).

“You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve” (Matthew 4:10).

We serve an amazing God. He’s a relational God. He is not a God that is far off but he speaks to us, giving us the words to speak at the very moment that we need it. What an awesome truth this is!

We are to excel in our speech. Speaking life over our circumstances and aligning ourselves to the living word of God. Let our lives be an example to all we meet, a sweet smelling fragrance and trust that at the right time, God will give us the exact words that we are to speak.