

**Proverbs 18:20-21 ERV** Your words can be as satisfying as fruit, as pleasing as the food that fills your stomach. (21) The tongue can speak words that bring life or death. Those who love to talk must be ready to accept what it brings.

- ✓ The tongue can speak words of life or death. The choice is ours!
- ✓ Where your life is today is a result of what you believed and said yesterday!
- ✓ If you want to change the direction of your life, start changing your words.

## 1. Speaking God's Word unto Faith:

**When you are speaking God's Word, you are building your capacity to believe God's Word.**

- ✓ Faith grows with your confession, but your faith will never grow beyond your confession
- ✓ There is no faith without confession. Confession is faith's way of expressing itself.
- ✓ Your **FIRST** WORDS matter.

And they often determine your outcome—good or bad.

You may have resolved to respond in faith in the face of your very next challenge, but do you know what kinds of things to say?

I believe one of the most important times that we need to watch what we say is during our times of adversity, times of hardship. Anybody can be positive and say the right things when everything is going great. But how we respond in the adversities of life will either make you or break you.

What you say in the midst of your difficulties will have a great impact on how long you stay in those difficulties.

When times get tough, human nature is to want to talk about the problem, complain to all of our friends and family about how hard life is. Satan will do his best to pressure you to keep you talking about your situation because he knows that as long as you talk about the situation and circumstances, you will keep perpetuating them in your life by your words.

Remember, when you face adversity, don't give in to the temptation to murmur and complain. Pray the prayer of faith and speak words of faith and victory.

## ***Make The Deposit***

- ✓ We must learn the Word of God before we use it and **need** it.

**John 14:25-26 NKJV** "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. (26) But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and ***bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.***

- ✓ The Holy Spirit cannot **remind** you of what you have never learned!

When you spend time in the Word of God, you are making a deposit into your heart that can be drawn upon later.

"Put the Word in your heart when you don't need it and it will be there when you do need it." – *Pastor John Osteen*

**Luke 6:45 ERV** Good people have good things saved in their hearts. That's why they say good things. But those who are evil have hearts full of evil, and that's why they say things that are evil. What people say with their mouths comes from what fills their hearts.

When you are in the midst of the storm, you need to speak out of the Word that is deposited in your heart, not out of the fear that is going around in your head.

- ✓ Sometimes we need to have the “vocabulary of **silence**”.

Put voice to the Word of God only! Vocabulary of silence might be necessary until the Holy Spirit brings to your attention what you need to say.

- ✓ If you want to be prepared for the storms of life, you must learn to have regular **practice** time!

When we spend time in or study the Word of God, you are not always going to have this “AHA! moment.”

The best way to get the Word of God in your heart is to set aside and PLACE and TIME on a consistent basis to read and study.

It will not be a **magical experience** at first.

This is having an effect on you whether you realize it or not.

- ✓ You must school yourself in the discipline of **meditating** on the Word.

**Joshua 1:8 AMP** 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.

The most reliable way to harness your thoughts and redirect your attention is to read aloud.

Meditation in the Word will change your doings!

## 2. Speaking God's Word By Faith:

**Mark 11:12-14 NKJV** Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. (13) And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. (14) In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again." ***And His disciples heard it.***

**Mark 11:19 NKJV** When evening had come, He went out of the city.

**Mark 11:20-23 NKJV** Now in the morning, as they passed by, ***they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.*** (21) And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away." (22) So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. (23) For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

When you are speaking the Word by faith, change will not be readily visible, because it is happening at the root and not at the fruit.

Example of Roundup Weed Killer.

- ✓ The Word of God is designed to attack situations at the **root**, not the fruit.
- ✓ We are not called to be reporters, we are called to be **forecasters**.

**Romans 4:17 AMP** 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. [Gen. 17:5.]