

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.

Speaking God's Word By Faith:

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.

Revelation 1:10-16 NKJV I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, (11) saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." (12) Then I turned to see the voice

that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, (13) and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. (14) His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; (15) His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; (16) He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

The phrase “two-edged” is taken from the Greek word *distomos* and is unquestionably one of the oddest words in the entire New Testament. Why is it so odd? Because it is a compound of the word *di*, meaning *two*, and the word *stomos*, which is the Greek word for one’s *mouth*. Thus, when these two words are compounded into one (*distomos*), they describe something that is *two-mouthed!*

✓ **Jesus** has a two-mouthed sword coming out of His mouth.

The Word of God is like a sword that has two edges, cutting both ways and doing terrible damage to an aggressor. Ephesians 6:17 calls it “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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

Machaira – a small, very sharp, two-edged sword carried by a Roman Soldier

The term “word” is taken from the Greek word *rhema*, which describes *something that is spoken clearly, vividly, in unmistakable terms and undeniable language*.

✓ A **rhema** word is a quickened word.

Here’s an example of a *rhema* or a *quickened word*: You are praying about a situation, and suddenly a Bible verse rises up from inside your heart. At that moment, you are consciously aware that

God has given you a verse to stand on and to claim for your situation. You've received a word that came right *out of the mouth of God* and dropped into your spirit! That word from God was so sharp that it cut right through your questions, intellect, and natural logic and lodged deep within your heart.

After you meditated on that *rhema*, or that quickened word from God, it suddenly began to release its power inside you. Soon you couldn't contain it any longer! Everything within you wanted *to declare* what God had said to you. You wanted *to say* it. You want to release it *out of your mouth!* And when you did, those powerful words were sent forth like a mighty blade to drive back the forces of hell that had been marshaled against you, your family, your business, your ministry, your finances, your relationship, or your body.

First, that word came out of the mouth of God. Next, it came out of *your* mouth! When it came out of your mouth, it became a sharp, "two- edged" — or literally, a "two-mouthed" — sword. One edge of this sword came into existence when the Word initially proceeded *out of God's mouth*. The second edge of this sword was added when the Word of God proceeded *out of YOUR mouth!*

The Word of God remains a one-bladed sword when it comes out of God's mouth and drops into your heart but is never released from your own mouth by faith. That supernatural word simply lies dormant in your heart, never becoming the two- edged sword God designed it to be.

But something happens in the realm of the Spirit when you finally rise up and begin to speak forth that word. The moment it comes out of your mouth, a second edge is added to the blade! Nothing is more powerful than a word that comes first from God's mouth and then from your mouth. You and God have come into agreement, and that agreement releases His mighty power into the situation at hand!

- ✓ On occasion, however, we need a specific *rhema* word – a smaller, two-edged sword – to deal the enemy a **destructive** blow.

- ✓ A rhema word is a **specific** word or message that the Holy Spirit quickens in our hearts and minds at a specific time and for a specific purpose.

John 14:26 NKJV 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.

When this happens, it floods our spirits with faith because the Holy Spirit has spoken to us in a way that is clearly spoken, unmistakable, undeniable, unquestionable, certain and definite.

- ✓ A Rhema word quickened to your heart and mind by the Holy Spirit is as strong and powerful that it is as if God put a supernatural **sword** in your hand.

The vital work of studying, meditating, and praying releases the Word to become a part of your own inner being.

- ✓ Your *rhema* – that word you need from God today – hinges entirely on the **presence** of the written Word of God and the Holy Spirit in your life.
- ✓ People who receive frequent *rhema* words from the Lord are people who have made the *logos*, the written Word, a **central** part of their lives.

Matthew 4:4 NKJV But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.' "

Luke 1:37-38 NKJV For with God nothing will be impossible." (38) Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

John 15:7 NKJV If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.