

Lesson 5

The Power of Our Words

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VIDEO OUTLINE

Note: All scriptures used in this lesson are quoted from the *New King James Version*.

- I. Words are powerful because they move us at a heart level. The faith to receive healing, or anything that God has for us comes through hearing.

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17

- A. We need to make sure that we are stocked up on the Word of God, that we are hearing the whole Gospel, and that we are meditating on it because out of the abundance of our hearts our mouths are going to speak.

Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

Matthew 12:34

- II. The Word of God talks about the power of our words.

- A. Death and life are in the power of our tongues.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

Proverbs 18:21

- B. That small tongue is powerful enough to change the course of an entire ship.

Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires.

James 3:4

III. Our tongues are powerful weapons when it comes to the enemy.

- A. Jesus explained the parable: The Word of God is a seed that is being sown. Then He said, "If you don't understand this, basically you're going to struggle to understand all the other parables."

And again He began to teach by the sea. And a great multitude was gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat in it on the sea; and the whole multitude was on the land facing the sea. Then He taught them many things by parables, and said to them in His teaching: "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it. Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. And some seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred." And He said to them, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Mark 4:1-9

- B. Sometimes we think the enemy is just picking on us because he's mean. Well, he is mean, but he's also indiscriminate. He's not really after you; he's after the Word of God that's been implanted in you because Satan understands the power of God's spoken Word.

The sower sows the word. And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness.

Mark 4:14-16

- C. Persecution and affliction come to steal the Word from us to try to distract us. You could say that sickness and disease are persecution. They are an affliction, coming to test whether the Word of God or your flesh is more real to you.

And they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble. Now

these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

Mark 4:17-19

- D. The words that we listen to are extremely powerful and that's why the enemy wants to get us off track. He will fight for the Word of God not to work in your life.

But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.

Mark 4:20

- E. Jesus actually rebuked the enemy with the Word.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." 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.'"

Matthew 4:1-4

- IV. The Word of God is how the Lord created the earth in the first place. Words spoken out of our mouths have a creative power.

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

Hebrews 11:3

- A. When Jesus was born, He fulfilled many words, many hundreds of prophecies that were spoken of Him.
- B. We need to be speaking into our lives our positive confession. When our confession is the same as what God confesses about our situations, that's powerful!

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Hebrews 4:14

- C. If we were to apply this to healing, we could put it like this, “Well, the Word of God spoken out of my mouth is powerful; therefore, I’m going to start speaking over my body what Jesus says about my body.”

He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Psalms 107:20

- D. Sometimes we don’t realize we have power in our words. But our bodies are listening to us as we speak.
- V. God’s Word spoken in our mouths is just as powerful as if He’d spoken it Himself.

And I have put My words in your mouth; I have covered you with the shadow of My hand, That I may plant the heavens, Lay the foundations of the earth, And say to Zion, ‘You are My people.’”

Isaiah 51:16

- A. God will use His spoken words coming out of your mouth to bring peace, to bring joy, and to accomplish and prosper the things for which He sent it.

So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:11

- B. In the same way that Satan tempted Jesus while He was in the flesh, Satan will tempt us while we’re in the flesh. But like Jesus, when we understand that God puts His words in our mouths, and the power that they contain when we deliver them, we can get on board with the Word of God over our situation, and we can see miraculous power delivered.
- VI. We can literally change the trajectory of our lives simply with our words.
- A. Every promise that’s written in the Bible is going to come to pass in our lives when we choose to let it leave our mouths.

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:8-9

- B. The word “mouth” in this verse means to speak it as in a commandment. The word “meditate” means to speak it, to study it, to utter it, or roar it like a lion.
- C. Jesus was using the power of His words to curse a deceptive fig tree. The enemy might be real, but his weapons are fake. He’s a fraud. He’s a deceiver, and Jesus couldn’t bear to be around deception, so he cursed the fig tree.

In response Jesus said to it, “Let no one eat fruit from you ever again.” And His disciples heard it.

Mark 11:14

- D. Even though Jesus released power in His words immediately, it took a period of time to see the effects of those words because the word was having an effect on an area that was below the ground.

Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

Mark 11:20

- E. We too can release faith and power through our words, and immediately those words will have an effect. But like the fig tree, sometimes there is a period of time before we see the effects of those words manifest in our natural world or manifest on the outside of our bodies.
- F. When we take something by faith, we put more trust and confidence (more faith) in what the Word of God says about our situation than how we feel about it, what it looks like, or what the doctor’s report says.

For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 8:6

VII. Have faith in God.

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. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

Mark 11:23–24

A. *“For assuredly, I say to you . . .”*

1. This first use of the word “says” is a command. The Greek word *epo* means to speak as in a commandment. Jesus is saying, “Speak to the mountain!”

B. *“Those things he says will be done.”*

1. The second “says” is the word *laleó*, meaning to speak out, to use your own voice, and to be bold.

C. *“Therefore I say to you . . .”*

1. This word “say” is *lego*, and it actually means a systematic set or discourse or the building blocks of life. We’ll be measured by our confession and our tenacity to hold fast to that confession.

VIII. We’re not speaking to try to convince ourselves to believe something; we’re believing, therefore, we’re speaking.

And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak.

2 Corinthians 4:13

A. You need to start confessing God’s Word over your life and holding fast to your confession, speaking what Jesus is saying about your body today.

(As it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did.

Romans 4:17

IX. God planned for you before there was even a world for you to live in. Now He's put His voice, His words, His power in your mouth: power to speak out life, to speak out death, to release faith, to release authority, and to rebuke the power of the enemy from working in your body. But He needs your cooperation!

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