

Freedom Group #8

The Power of Words

Proverbs 18:21 *Death and life are in the power of the tongue.* **NKJV**

The words we speak are a spiritual gauge, showing how much of our soul we have surrendered to God. If we have allowed our minds to be renewed by the Word, our conversation can't help but reflect what we have learned!

The Power of God's Words

Hebrews 11:3 *By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.* **NLT**

With words God spoke the entire universe into being. With words, He communicates to us. Through the Bible, with its thousands of words, He reveals Himself to us.

Matthew 8:26 / Matthew 8:32 / John 11:43-44

Two Kingdoms

Isaiah 14:12-14 *"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'* **NKJV**

Through the power of Satan's spoken words of rebellion, the kingdom of darkness was established. And he actually spoke the first words of rebellion in his heart.

Tongue Tied

The book of James goes on to talk about the power of the tongue, our spoken words. In chapter three, James tells us that the tongue can defile the whole body, and he uses three vivid images to help us see his point.

1. A Bit – James 3:3
2. A Rudder – James 3:4
3. A Spark – James 3:5

How to Tame the Tongue

1. Guard your heart – Matthew 12:34-35

2. Gauge your tongue – Colossians 3:8
3. Garnish your speech – Proverbs 10:19 & Ephesians 4:29

At times we need to say things that are difficult or may appear negative, but even so, we can speak in a way that can bless and encourage the other person. Even bad news can be delivered in a life-giving way. Discipline can be given in a way the truly befits the one being corrected.

Wise Words

The Proverbs are full of teaching regarding how we should use our tongues.

On your own, read the following Proverbs and write the instructions given:

Proverbs 4:24
Proverbs 15:1
Proverbs 16:13
Proverbs 16:28

The Voice of Victory

If you have been on the receiving end of destructive words, there is good news: You can truly be healed and set free from the effects of those words. Four steps you can take to be set free from harmful words that have been spoken over you.

1. **Confess:** Healing starts with admitting we were wrong – or believed something that was not true. 1 John 1:9
2. **Repent:** To change direction – Acts 3:19
3. **Cast off:** Refuse to allow the enemy to continue to use destructive words or events against us. James 4:7
4. **Bless:** Once the enemy has been removed, fill the place that he held with truth and promises found in Scripture. Speak life over yourself. Ephesians 2:10

Life Declarations

- I am blessed with God's supernatural wisdom, and I have clear direction for my life.
- I am blessed with creativity; courage, ability, and abundance.
- I am blessed with a strong will, self-control, and self-discipline.
- I am blessed with great family, good friends, and good health.
- I am blessed with faith, favor, and fulfillment.
- I am blessed with success, supernatural strength, promotion, and divine protection.
- I am blessed with an obedient heart and with a positive outlook on life.
- I declare that any curse that has ever been spoken over me, any negative evil word that as ever come against me, is broken right now in Jesus' name.
- I am blessed wherever I go.
- Everything I put my hands to do is going to prosper and succeed.
- I am blessed!