

The language of faith

In order to be a successful believer you must realize that your faith has a voice and your spirit seeks to express itself in words.

Jesus told a woman, who was seeking His attention and received His appreciation, that her daughter was delivered from a demon, based on what she said.

*Mark 7:29 And he said unto her, For **this saying** go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.*

If this woman's saying caused her daughter to be set free a long distance away, than we can conclude that words are powerful, more powerful than we may have realized.

In Mark 5:28 another woman received healing from an incurable disease and again, we see that her words were involved in receiving healing.

This should not surprise us, for the book of Proverbs points out that our words are so powerful that it carries death and life, health and sickness, blessings and curses. Here are a few examples:

Proverbs 11:11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

Proverbs 12:18 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.

Proverbs 14:3 In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

Proverbs 18:7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

When teaching on the subject of faith, Jesus stressed the importance of speaking words to the mountain in order to remove the mountain (Mark 11:23,24)

Jesus did not tell us to pray about the mountain; He did not tell us to ask God to do something about the mountain and He did not say that the mountain was there because God, in His Sovereignty, wanted it to be there. He said to speak to the mountain and it should obey you!

In my own prayer life I was impressed at one time by, what I believe to be, the Holy Spirit, Who said that if I would stop asking for some things and begin to **say** some things, I would see the results I desired. Upon closer examination I could see this point a lot clearer. Instead of praying "Lord bless us", I began to say "according to Ephesians 1:3, I am already blessed with all spiritual blessings" and "according to Galatians 3:13, I am also blessed with all of Abraham's blessings". I am blessed with the best of both worlds!

I certainly have not quit praying or asking, but my prayer life has taken on a different meaning now that I am saying what God already has done for me, rather than asking God to do something for me He already has done. There is whole lot more praise and thanksgiving in prayer, because the Lord has already given me the things I desire when I look at His promises.

Look at the following amazing scriptures in 1 John 5:

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

The Word of God is the Will of God! If you pray the Word, you can bank on it that He hears you. If you know that has heard you, you know that you have what you prayed for.

You may need to check up on what you are praying. Perhaps you have formed a habit of always asking the Lord to be with you. The truth of the matter is that He is always with you. Notice the following scripture in Hebrews 13:5-6:

5 for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Again, you can see the same importance of the words that you speak. God has already said that He will be with you, so that we now need

to say something in agreement with what He has stated.

The Word of God, your prayer and the words you speak must be in agreement in order for you to see what the results He has promised you.

This is called the confession or profession of your faith.

Sometimes "confession" is equated with acknowledging sin and failure, but there is also another side of confession. This type of confession deals with what God has done for you in Christ and what He is doing in you as a new creation.

Look at Philemon 6:

That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

From this scripture you can see that your faith needs to be expressed through words in order for it to be effective.

It is important to speak healing words in order to walk in health. (1 Peter 2:24)

It is important to speak blessing over your city, because the city is exalted or promoted by the blessing of the righteous (Proverbs 11:11)

It is important to speak words that build up family members and church members in order to have strong family relationships and local churches.

It is important to speak words of prosperity, because it God's will for your life (3 John 2)

It is important to speak your desired end result because Mark 11:23 is working for you whether you realize it or not.

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