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## The Power of the Tongue

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The following teaching is a word study and will lead you into a new understanding of the power of the words that you speak. The words are defined according to the Greek and the Hebrew definitions that we rarely take the time to research unless we are people who hunger for more and more of God's truth and enlightenment. In this study I am teaching about the power of our words, and the reason for learning to control what we say. It is one of the assignments that I have been given by the Holy Ghost, and in teaching this I am learning and growing every day. That is the way the Kingdom of God's Spiritual laws work, seedtime and harvest. What we say happens, and death and life are in the power of the tongue. Often the world wants us to believe, and spends a lot of time trying to convince even little children that they should not speak out things that they read, the world in fact teaches that it is not a good practice to speak while one reads. They are absolutely wrong. When one speaks as one reads, it reinforces what is being read. If a person of faith wants to get something really down into their hearts and minds, one thing they can do to speed up the process is to speak out as they read the Word of God, the Bible. This causes powerful things to happen in the atmosphere, things unexplainable in the natural, but now even science has proven and agrees that what is spoken out changes things, in a person's personal life and also out in the world. There is so much to learn about this God principle and the way that God made us. The Word says in Genesis that we are made after God's image, His very own likeness, and it is being proven every day. Let's get into this study. Pray before you start that the Lord would open your understanding as you study and meditate on what is in these pages. Then after you have completed it, write or email me and let me know what you learned. God is about to revolutionize your prayer life, and your communication skills. Glory to the Father for His unending Love and His eternal grace and mercy to us who are a work in progress. There is therefore now, no condemnation to those who are following after His Spirit, and not the flesh! Sherry's paraphrase on Romans 12: 1-2.

### A. Definitions Word, Revealed, Tongue, Fire, Rod.

1. WORD: Hebrew # 1697 **dabar** (from # 1696) **a thing**, **a matter**, to **arrange**, to speak (rarely in a destructive sense) to **subdue**, answer, appoint, bid, command, commune, declare, destroy, give name, **promise**, **pronounce**, **rehearse**, say, speak, be spokesman, subdue, talk, teach, tell, think, **use entreaties**, to **utter** (mutter).
2. WORD: Hebrew #565 **imrah** (feminine of #561 omer) something said, answer, **appoint**, **avouch**, **bid**, boast self, **call**(summons), **certify**, challenge, charge, command, commune, consider, **declare**, demand, determine, **promise**. (from prime root of #559)
3. WORD: Greek # 3056 **logos** (**written**) tangible, something said (including the thought) a topic (or a subject of discourse) also a reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive, a computation, the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ). (From prime verb #3004) to lay forth, relate usually of systematic or to set discourse.

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4. WORD: Greek # 4487 **rhema** (**revealed, spoken**) an utterance, to speak forth: individual, collectively, or specifically, a matter or a topic (also used to describe the negative or “naught”- nothing)
  5. REVEALED: Greek # 602 **apokalupsis** disclosure – appearing, coming, lighten, manifestation, be revealed, revelation (from root of #601 apokalupto) to take off the cover i.e. disclosure, reveal.
  6. TONGUE: Greek #1100 **glossa** the tongue, a language.
  7. FIRE: Hebrew # 784 **esh** (aysh) a prime word burning, fiery, fire, flaming, hot, with # 786 meaning entity
  8. FIRE: Greek # 4442 **pur** lightning, fiery, fire
  9. FIRE: Greek #5457 **phos** to shine, or make manifest, especially by rays, luminousness, fire, light
  10. FIRE: Greek # 5459 **phosphoros** light bearing, the morning star, day star.
- B. God used His Words to create the heavens and the earth.
1. God speaks, Genesis 1:1-25 and when God speaks, Chaos ends and practical useable order and beauty begins! God “said” and it happened.
  2. God set forth His Word in writing (the Holy Bible) and He sent His Word to become flesh and dwell among us, In the beginning was the Word (Christ) John 1:1-16 , We have seen and witnessed the Word of Life! I John 1:1-3
  3. Hebrews 4:12 The Word that Speaks is sharper than any two-edged sword...
- C. Scripture – the written Word of God is God-breathed or inspired.
1. 2 Ti 3:16, Prov 30:5, John 17:17, Ephes 5:26, Hebrews 4:12
  2. We use God’s written Word as our gauge, or measuring stick, as our “chemical testing strip, our guide to test accuracy and purity.
  3. God’s Word is Truth.
  4. God’s Word is perfect law.
  5. God’s Word washes and purifies the Church (the Body of Christ) Colossians 3:16, Titus 1:9
  6. We renew our minds or “save” our souls with the Word of God. Prov 4:20, Ps 51:10, Ps 103:5, 2 Cor 4:16b, Ephes 4:23, John 17:17
- D. Jesus’ Words
1. Jesus Words and the prayers of Jesus are an example to us in how we are to speak to the Father and to others.
  2. John 17:3 AMP Jesus said. ***This is eternal life: to know, to perceive, recognize, become acquainted with, and understand You the only true and real God, and likewise to know Him, Jesus [as the] Christ (the anointed one-the Messiah) Whom You have sent...***
  3. verse 1., He lifted up His eyes to heaven as he prayed (spoke)
  4. verse 8., ***For the uttered words that You gave Me, I have given them; and they have received and accepted [them] and have come to know positively and in reality [to believe with absolute assurance] that I came forth from Your presence, and they believed and are convinced that You did send Me”.***
  5. verse 13., ***And now I am coming to You; I say these things while I am still in the world, so that my joy may be made full and complete and perfect in them [that they may experience My delight fulfilled in them, that My enjoyment may be perfected in their own souls, that they may have My gladness within them, fulfilling their hearts].***
  6. verses 14-17., ***I have given and delivered to them You (message) Word and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world [do not belong to the world], just as***

***I am not of the world. Sanctify them [purify, consecrate, separate them for Yourself, make them Holy], by the Truth, Your Word is Truth.***

7. Receive and accept the uttered Words of the Father that Jesus spoke and by receiving the uttered Words of the Father through Jesus, we come to know and understand with absolute assurance that Jesus came forth from God's presence, and that God so loved us that He sent Jesus to us and for us.
  8. Read pg 23 of the new KCM mag Brother Jerry's article...Speaking or "calling" (summonsing) those things that be not as though they were to change the situation" enough times, once or twice is not enough. Romans 4:17 and Genesis 3:15
- E. God created us in His likeness and image.
1. Genesis 1:26-28
- F. The Words of a born-again Christian Jeremiah 1:9-12
1. Our Words are just as powerful as God's Words (when we are born again, we have "super-human" ability when we speak in faith His Words. John 17:6-11, John 17:18-23, Mt 28:18-23, Mark 16:15-20, Luke 24:49.
  2. God spoke to men and women of old and speaks today! Men and women of God have always been required to act on God's speaking with their faith Hebrews 11:4-5, 7-8,11,13,17, 20-23, 40
  3. Speaking happens by the literal act of opening one's mouth and speaking as well as by what we do and how we do it. (The old saying actions speak louder than words is not true, but actions should always back up your words and vice a versa).
  4. Good speech from and In God, and is accompanied by action and fruit. Luke 6:46-49
  5. Speech that comes from and a worldly or and un-renewed man can be judged by it's results or consequences.
  6. God commands us to NOT SPEAK evil but truth in love always Titus 3:1-11, Ephes 4:15. Those who speak evil of leaders are evil, 2 Cor 10:10-18. But those who speak by faith do so within the limits of God the Father and bring Him glory in the final outcome. Therefore we are to stretch and encourage faith with our speech. Vs 14 says..We are not overstepping the limits of our province...
  7. Our speech is to be seasoned with salt. Col 4:6
  8. We as believers are to speak to and with each other in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs offering praise with voices and instruments and making melody with all our hearts to the Lord.
  9. United speech is very powerful, make sure it is speech that is in line with God's Word.
  10. God commands us to be wise in our speech and to receive His Word allowing it to be implanted in our hearts James 1: 19-25
  11. Bridle our tongue James 1:26, 3:2-13 (vs.6)
  12. The Word says to "Mark" those who deceive with their speech. Romans 16:18
  13. Jesus granted us all power and authority over all flesh through and in Him.
  14. James 1:26-27 read this one...Isn't it "icky" when we run across someone who is toting that they belong to this church or that, and they do this or that and yet they cuss, talk like the world, mention participation in worldly things such as drinking or partying? We must not only walk but talk as Jesus talked and press toward saying what the Father says and doing what the Father does being led by the Holy Spirit just as our example Jesus did.
- G. Confession: I know, perceive, recognize, have become acquainted with, and understand the only true and real God Jehovah, and Jesus the Christ the Anointed One, the Messiah whom God Jehovah sent. I glorify God here on earth by completing the work He has given me to do. And now

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Father, glorify me along with Yourself and restore me to such majesty and honor in Your presence as I had with You before the world existed. I am revealing (speaking and acting according to the Father's will) God's very self to the people whom God has given me out of the world. They were His and He gave them to me and they have obeyed and kept His Word. I AM one with you Father, and You are One with me as I speak it!

#### H. The Heart and the Mouth.

1. The heart and the mouth are vitally connected.
  - a) Mt 12:36-37 For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks
  - b) Psalm 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Your sight oh Lord...
  - c) Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it flow the issues of life.
  - d) Ephesians 5:26 Washing of the water of the Word
  - e) Proverbs 16:21-24 The wise in heart...the winsome in speech...
  - f) I Peter 1:25 But the Word of the Lord (Divine instruction, the Gospel) endures forever, and this Word is the good news which was preached to you. (Isaiah 40:6-8)
2. You can quit what you do but you cannot quit who you are, and who you are will eventually bring you back to what you are supposed to do.
  - a) What has our purpose been? 2 Cor 5:9-10
  - b) What is the actual heart of a person? 2 Cor 5:10-13
  - c) Is your heart really as pure as it seems on the outside?
  - d) We no longer should look at people or our Lord from a fleshly view. 2 Cor 5:14-16

Now begin to consciously guard yourself from speaking like the world does. Stop saying things that might hinder the progress of good things in your life. No, you are not always sick at a certain time of the year. You have been made whole, sound and completely healthy by the stripes of Jesus. Stop saying that your child is rotten, or that your child had better watch it or they will find themselves in jail. Instead say that you have a child who is blessed by God, who excels in school, and who will serve God all the days of his or her life.

Speaking things that be not, as though they were is not lying, it is faith in action. Speaking the Word of God (which is truth and much more valid than what we see in the natural) over a person or a situation is the way God operates, and we are made after His image if we have been born again, made a new creature in Christ Jesus. I have seen this spiritual law work time and time again in my own life, so it is too late, no one could convince me now that I cannot live by faith and speak the Word of God in every situation of my life changing every situation for good.

The world says that a person is too heavenly minded to be any good. I say that we can't be too heavenly minded. It is good and it is right to attain everything that Jesus paid for on the cross at Calvary and gained victory over in hell, being raised from the dead, by acting on or should I say by obeying His Word, His life example. When He prayed to the Father in John 17, Jesus essentially asked God the Father to make us all ONE with them! Do you think that Jesus gets or got answers to His prayers? I say yes, and the Word of God states that His answers to us are yes and amen. Let us grow into Oneness with Him by learning how to speak properly for His sake!