

# The Power of the Spoken Word!

*“Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips.”  
Psalm 141:3*

In this section we will study the power of the spoken word and how we can speak life or death, health or sickness, and blessings or curses upon our lives and the lives of those we love.

Most people have no idea how \_\_\_\_\_ the spoken word really is - even though the Word of God has so much to say on this subject. We use words so flippantly, so haphazardly. We \_\_\_\_\_ the powers of hell upon our lives, and are in bondage by the very words we speak. So many Christians wonder why they cannot live victoriously. **This is one key!**

God has given us the authority to use the power of words. We can unleash his abundant blessing on our lives. Health, freedom, fulfillment, joy, knowledge, wisdom, provision, and protection are all readily available to God’s children if we properly use this powerful weapon. With His word He \_\_\_\_\_ the whole universe into existence;

*“...the worlds were framed by the Word of God.” Hebrews 11:3*

God spoke and everything that ever was, and is, and is to come, came into being.

*“By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth... For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.”  
Psalm 33:6&9*

When God sent His only Son into the world;

*“The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”  
John 1:14*

**Jesus gave us that same glory!**

*“I have given them the glory that you gave me...” John 17:22*

Jesus spent much time teaching his disciples how to use the power of the spoken word. They watched as He used the power of words to perform all kinds of miracles.

*“Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me’.” Matthew 28:18*

Because of that authority, Christ's words impacted every realm around him - the physical elements of nature, the lives of individual people, and even the forces of the kingdom of darkness.

### **Jesus gave us that same authority!**

*"And I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*

*Matthew 16:19*

These words of Jesus have significant meaning for not only our lives but also the lives of those around us. They say that we can literally \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ the powers of hell; and at the same time we can \_\_\_\_\_ the works of God to fulfill our lives. On the other hand, this same power can have just the opposite effect. We also have the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ the works of hell and \_\_\_\_\_ the works of God, preventing fulfillment of God's plans and purposes for our lives. Unfortunately, this is the principle that is at work in our lives most of the time. Because of ignorance, we constantly allow this wonderful principle to work against us.

*"My people perish for lack of knowledge." Hosea 4:6*

### **Word Curses**

We have the authority to bind on earth as it is bound in heaven with the power of the spoken word. However, instead of advancing the Kingdom of God, we are constantly advancing the kingdom of darkness by speaking \_\_\_\_\_ over our lives and the lives of those we love. Word curses are very real, and the Bible has much to say about them;

*"The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit."*

*Proverbs 18:21*

*"You have been trapped by what you said, ensnared by the words of your mouth."*

*Proverbs 6:2*

*"A fool's mouth is his undoing, and his lips are a snare to his soul."*

*Proverbs 18:7*

*"The tongue is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell."*

*James 3:6*

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- Here's what happens:**
- 1). Words are an expression of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2). If you speak it out of your mouth, one of two kingdoms will \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3). If you say something \_\_\_\_\_, hell has a legal right to use it.
  - 4). If you say something \_\_\_\_\_, Heaven has a legal right to use it.

**Make no mistake**, once a thought becomes a word that is released, it has \_\_\_\_\_. That is why the Bible warns us to take thoughts captive that go against the knowledge of God. Satan remembers the words you say. The Bible says in *Revelation 12:10* that satan is “...*the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night.*” The enemy of our soul stands before the Father and accuses us day and night. When we speak word curses over our lives, satan has all of the ammunition he needs to have a \_\_\_\_\_ to torment us! All he has to say to the Father is, “*She actually said this. I didn’t ...She said ‘she would rather be depressed than fat.’ ... So the spirit of depression has a legal right to torment her.*” And **God must grant it**, because we are in sin. We are snared!

**What you say is vital! What you don’t say is vital! Hell is free to function in your life to the degree that you allow it. Your mouth has the ability to hold you in bondage!**

Often we don’t see dramatic evidence that we have loosened Hell in our lives by the power of our words. The tactics of satan are very subtle. Knowing that he cannot touch our born again spirit, the enemy will try to entrap and strangle our soul bit by bit. Although we can bring about immediate destruction to our lives or the lives of those around us by our words, most often the bondage occurs much more slowly over a period of time or even years later, when we can’t even remember the words that we have spoken.

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God’s people are in \_\_\_\_\_ because of the power of the spoken word. But the Word of God is still alive and powerful, ready to set us free! Hallelujah!!

*“... but the Word of God is not chained.” 2 Timothy 2:9*

*“And you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.” John 8:32*

*“For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12*

When the Word of God is spoken with the authority given by the Holy Spirit, demonic forces have no choice but to flee. However, we must \_\_\_\_\_ before we can use it as the powerful, effective weapon that it is. Jesus admonished us by saying,

*“You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God.”  
Matthew 22:29*

When we know God’s Word, the Holy Spirit is then \_\_\_\_\_ to bring back to our minds the right scripture in any given circumstance.

We, as God’s children and his ambassadors, have the incredible responsibility to learn to speak words that advance the Kingdom of Light rather than speak words that advance the kingdom of darkness.

Even though our intent is to advance the Kingdom of God in our lives, we are still human and make mistakes. We often fail. The Apostle James understood our dilemma when he wrote this scripture:

*“For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole man.” James 3:2*

## **God has provided a way of escape**

*“...God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.” 2 Timothy 2:25-26*

*“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us...”  
Galatians 3:13*

*“The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:4-5*

Even though we may have made a complete mess of our lives through our words, and our souls may be completely bound, we can overcome! Just as the power of our spoken words can get us \_\_\_\_\_ bondage, The Bible says that the power of our spoken words can also get us \_\_\_\_\_ bondage..

*“But the mouth of the upright will deliver them.” Proverbs 12:6*

Your mouth has the power to deliver you. As you speak, the power of the Holy Spirit within you is released upon the curse and \_\_\_\_\_.

The key to deliverance from self-inflicted word curses is for that same person to break them by the power of their own spoken words again.

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