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The power of the tongue

What the Lord has spoken to me about the message in this teaching letter has caused me to get excited about the truth it carries. He has revealed it in a way that I believe will bring edification to the Church when received with a whole heart. I pray that you will be able to receive this message with a pure heart. If you do, it will edify you and empower you to reach into all that God has for you. It will also enable you to save souls, produce miracles, signs and wonders, turn negative situations into positive ones, change the atmosphere wherever you go, build what God wants built and destroy the strongholds of the enemy.

In Luke 21.15, what God said is; ***For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.*** What excites me about this verse is God has given me a tongue in that mouth. I have power in that tongue to do what is good or evil. My words will make or break things according to what I say. **Jer1.9,10.** This is power and it is in my tongue. That is an awesome concept because it is not up to God but up to me.

The hope of the tongue is in submission to God of all of which is within the heart. Then, one can have what they speak. The bible teaches that we can have what we speak. The tongue is creative. Therefore, if you say what is in God you get what is of God. If you say what is of the world, you will get what is of the world. Negative words never leave the mouth of God. They are always positive and achieve everything they are sent to do. Speaking words that do not achieve anything or negative things is the domain of man in his flesh and the devil in his bondage of darkness. That is why we need God's words; they never fail. Learning to speak God's words with power is the key to achieving anything in life. For example, in the area of healing, you would have noticed that in spite of speaking the words that you know to speak for healing you often do not achieve the desired result. Does that mean the power of God is not there? No, the power of God is not subject to the words we speak but to the words that come from our mouth in faith. The more we develop a relationship with God the more we will understand this concept. Jesus said; I only speak what I hear my Father speak. That means, He is hearing first and then speaking out of relationship. We too must hear and speak out of relationship. This is the essence of faith. This way, we can call out those things that are not as though they were.

Since the tongue is in the mouth, which connects to the ear, mind, and heart, it is evident that what I speak will be out of the abundance of the heart. The heart is the harbour for all issues of life. That is why God says; "Guard your heart above all". Therefore, I have to be wise about what I intake before I speak. Yet, what I speak can change what I intake so that, the next time I intake something with my senses, I do so from an established position of what I had already believed and spoken into being. This is faith and the Bible puts it this way *Psa 116:10 I believed, therefore have I spoken: 2Co 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;*

The fruit (manifestation) of my lips are evidence of what I have already spoken and will remain as evidence of what I had already received. When God spoke and said; "Let there be light"; it was manifest for all creation to see. Their jaws of the angels must have dropped and utterances of "wow" and praises would have resounded in heaven. Darkness on the other hand did not comprehend it and fled. Therefore, when I speak into the atmosphere change for the positive, the evidence of my words will keep me speaking positively. This is one secret to getting out of depression. Shout your praises unto God and the garment of praise will cause the spirit of heaviness to flee.

When God has placed such power in our tongues, we must be aware of what it can do when it is mismanaged. One must realise that it is up to the individual to learn through experience, how to speak, when to speak and what to speak. One must grow in grace of the tongue. This form of discipline is critical to enjoying a full spiritual life that God has for all His people. It is God's desire that we grow in maturity and reach heights that cause us to fly like the eagles and be like Him. To this end, I want to share with you some things that can happen to a Church through the power of the tongue.

Things for good

- Blessings will fall upon the church with words that edify
- Healing will take place in the body when words of authority and encouragement are spoken
- Cleansing will take place when rebuke, chastening, and correction is spoken. This brings the church into alignment with God's ways and directions and stops us from going the wrong way or lifting ourselves up
- Prophetic words will bring into play a hope and a future and warning of impending danger
- When words of revelation are spoken, it will bring light and faith to the hearer and souls can be saved
- When words bearing testimonies are spoken, the devil is defeated and overcome
- When praises and worship through words are offered to God, He is glorified

Things for bad

- Gossip are words spoken that will cause harm to the unity of the Church
- Argumentative words bring strife and division

- Complaining provokes God and brings His wrath down
- Talking about others with intent to put them down is speaking death to them
- Words spoken in negativity, cursing or anger bring discouragement, rejection, ill health and death to the hearer
- Idle words are accountable before God
- Boasting about oneself defiles the hearers

Through words, we can pull down the strongholds of the enemy, bless God, build his kingdom, save a soul, edify the church, encourage anyone, and even kill the spirit of a person. Apostle Paul wrote that he spoke with tongues of angels and man. Yet, if there was no love in what he said, it would be but a clanging cymbal. James wrote that the tongue is set on fire by hell and that the tongue is an unruly evil that cannot be tamed. Peter wrote that if a person loves life, he must keep his tongue from evil and keep his lips from guile. There is a lot of teaching in the Bible about the tongue and its power. It has set nations on fire and caused wars. Some people just cannot stop talking about themselves. They like to hear themselves and big note themselves. This is totally unedifying and controlling. They do this to draw attention to themselves and control the environment. Others speak negative things continually over themselves and into the atmosphere. Some speak words at the wrong time. Some do not know what they are talking about at all. The list is almost endless of the misuse of the tongue. Others do not talk at all or not enough. Many do not know how to explain themselves and convey their message to the listener. Then there are the ones who bring confusion and strife through what they say. The worst of the lot is the one who lies. The one who lies is the child of the devil.

I have seen churches broken and destroyed by the power of the tongue. This should not be so. James asks; "can bitter water and sweet water come out of the same pool of water?" Can we worship, bless and curse using the same tongue? It seems that is exactly what many do. Bitterness is a pool of evil that stems from words spoken over a person and that which a person speaks over others or themselves. It defiles everything. One time a Pastor was upset with me and spoke words of defilement over me. God opened my eyes and I could see a black mist proceed from his mouth as the picture above depicts. God showed me that he had spoken words that come straight from the pit of hell. Put away foolish talk, jesting that does not produce any value to the hearer and all negative talk. Remember, you are accountable to God for all that you speak.

Grace is the peace of the tongue of Jesus. The hearer of His words finds life and joy in his soul. Many who heard Him when He was on earth as a man saw the grace in Him through the words He spoke. He changed the world by the words He spoke which revealed the heart of Father God. His eloquence was power and life to all who heard Him. He said of His own words, 'They are Spirit and life'.

Since the tongue is the final deliverer of what began in the heart, one must realise that there is an opportunity to choose words carefully and release them within the control one's will. In other words, the control of the tongue is possible by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in a person, who disciplines a believer to speak correctly and with love. This is the portion of mature Christians. **It is always better to listen than to talk.** The internet watchdog has said that there are 'ghost whisperer' sites on the internet where one can leave messages that delete themselves after a day or so. They said it is a site that allows people to say things that are bad and damning of anybody they choose to put down and cannot be traced back to them. How hellish is that?

My dear friends let us learn the power of the tongue and use it wisely. I have broken many a relationship in my time by the use of the tongue and at the same time achieved much in the Kingdom of God by the tongue. This is not right as bitter and sweet water cannot proceed from the same pool. Yet, I am inadequate to understand much about the power of the tongue. The Holy Ghost is teaching me about this power and I have learned, as I submit to His teaching and gentle persuasion that comes from His patience with me, I am able to humble myself and learn through life's circumstances. It is never easy for any one of us to be in control of all that we say at all times because there are many who will be offended over nothing or everything. However, we can learn to walk in power toward God and man by the power of the tongue.

I encourage you to use the tongue for prayer, praise, and worship of God. This destroys the enemy in our lives and cause God to live in our praises. After this, speak only what you know will edify a person. When you cannot speak any more stop speaking and speak to God in tongues of angels and of men the mysteries of God. You will find that the supernatural will begin to take place in your life. Though the gift of tongues maybe considered as the least of the gifts, yet it cannot be ignored. It is the gift that the Holy Spirit uses to show that He has entered us and from that point on, it acts as the gateway for other gifts and prayer to operate in our lives.

Strengthen yourself by positive words and words of peace and love that edify the hearer. This does not mean you need to flatter or compromise. It just means that there are words in any given situation that have the power to achieve God's plan for the hearer. Without love and peace in the atmosphere, the high ground is given over to evil. I leave you with the words of James that speak volumes to the ardent listener.

Jas 3:13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. Jas 3:14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. Jas 3:15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. Jas 3:16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. Jas 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. Jas 3:18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

*With love
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