

The Disciple and His Words

1. Are words really very important? Can speaking the right words make a significant difference in a disciple's life? **Yes!!** Your words make all the difference in the world.

Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

2. Words are important to God.

- **God used words in the creation of the world.**

Read Genesis 1:1-31.

How many times does Moses say the words, "God said," or "God called"?

- **God uses words to communicate His will to us.**

Read Ezekiel 6.

How many times does Ezekiel say, "Thus saith the Lord"? _____

According to Hebrews 1:1, through whom did God speak in the past?

According to Hebrews 11:2, through whom has He spoken? _____

According to 2 Timothy 3:16, *All Scripture is _____ by God.*

As God-breathed, the Bible is the Word of God. And it is sufficient for the disciple to know and follow God in **everything** he does. Without the written Word of God we would not know what God is like and His desires for us.

- **God demands that we use words from our mouths in the process of salvation.**

Read Romans 10:9-10.

With what are we to confess? _____

- **The special name given to Christ Jesus is "The Word".**

Read John 1:1-5. According to:

Verse 1, when was He the Word? _____

Verse 1, who was He? _____

Verse 3, what did He do? _____

Verse 4, in Him was _____

- **God places power in the spoken word.**

According to Matthew 4:4, on what should we live? _____

According to Matthew 7:7, what must we do to receive? _____

According to Matthew 8:8, what would happen if Jesus just spoke the right words?

3. Words are powerful.

- ***Words are a necessary part of biblical faith.***

Read Mark 11:15-26.

Faith is the primary focus of these verses. Jesus had cursed the fig tree for being unfruitful (see Mark 11:12-14) and responded to Peter's question with a discussion of faith. He had spoken to the fig tree and it had withered by the next day. *Jesus linked speaking with faith!*

What two things have to be done to get a mountain to move?

1. _____
2. _____

Do you have any *mountains* that need to be moved? Why not speak to them! Does that sound strange? Read Mark 11:23 again. Jesus said to speak to the mountain. Have you ever considered being obedient to the Word and just command your mountain to move??

There will be no action by God until there are words spoken. Believing and speaking are linked in God's mind.

We speak what we believe. Our words are a reflection of our heart. Is it any wonder that God does so little on our behalf!!!? Our hearts are not completely His and our words are proof of it.

- ***Words can hinder or encourage biblical faith.***

Read 1 Kings 19:9-18.

This is the story of Elijah just after he brought fire down from heaven and defeated the prophets of Baal. But Jezebel had spoken words against him and he was afraid. He began to speak words of defeat that resulted in depression, discouragement, and fear.

According to verse 10 & 14, how did he feel? _____

According to verse 18, how many others were there? _____

Elijah spoke error to himself, and all faith was gone! What two things did God do for Elijah to encourage him?

1. _____
2. _____

• **Words determine what we will receive from God.**

Read James 4:2.

Why do we *not* have? _____

• **Words can destroy.**

Read Ephesians 4:29 & Colossians 4:6.

Our speech should be **wholesome** and **full of grace**. There is no place for vulgarity, crude talk & jokes, unkind words, or even negative talking. These are from the devil and do nothing but harm to the disciple and others.

• **Words can heal.**

Read Proverbs 16:24.

What is healing to the bones? _____

Read Mark 10:52.

Jesus spoke to the blind man and he was healed. In most cases Jesus spoke and healing followed. (*Once a woman just touched His garment and was healed without a word spoken by Jesus. See Matthew 9:20. However, Jesus did confront her afterwards and commended her faith.*)

• **Words can set people free from the evil one.**

Read Matthew 8:16.

By what did Jesus cast out demons? _____

Read James 4:7

What are we to do with the devil? _____

In order to resist him we must speak to him and his demon forces, commanding them, in the name of Jesus to depart. That was the practice of Jesus and the Disciples.

• **Words can bless or curse.**

Read Luke 6:28

What are we to do for our enemies? _____

If we are to bless our enemies, what do you think we should do for our friends?
When was the last time you blessed someone?

4. Evaluate your speaking by answering the following questions?

- *What words do I speak that are **not** wholesome & not pleasing to God?*

- *What words do I speak that hinder my faith?*

- *What words do I speak that are a blessing on others?*

- *What words do I speak that are a curse on others?*

- *What am I asking God for, and believing Him to give to me?*

- *What words do I speak that I should stop immediately?*

- *What words should I begin speaking immediately?*
