

What You Say, Matters!

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"Bad things ALWAYS happen to me"
"I'm sick & tired of this!"
"I'll never win" death!"
"That scares me to death!"
"That'll just kill me!"
"Trouble always seems to find me"
"I just know I'm gonna get the flu!"
"[sickness] runs in my family"

STOP SAYING THESE!

You may not realize it, but you're actually giving the devil permission to do bad things!

Q: Wait, what? Aren't these just harmless phrases that don't mean anything?

A: It would seem that way, but you're actually confessing with your mouth (and giving permission) for these things to happen to you!

THE BOTTOM LINE: Words have consequences, good or bad. The devil needs your permission to do bad things to you, which is why he roams like a lion, seeking anyone whom he can devour (1 Peter 5:8). This means he has to find someone who has given him permission. You may not realize that you're doing that!

What Does The Bible Say About Words?

There are many verses that warn us about what we say. Below are just a few:

PROV 18:21 NKJ ²¹ **Death and life are in the power of the tongue,** and those who love it will eat its fruit.

PROV 10:19 NLT ¹⁹ **Too much talk leads to sin.**
Be sensible and **keep your mouth shut.**

These are clear.....what you say, matters! (and many times it's best to stay quiet!)

Watch what you say!
Anything you say can
(and most likely will) be
used against you.

MATT 15:11 NLT ¹¹ It's not what goes into your mouth that defiles you; **you are defiled by the words that come out of your mouth."**

MATT 12:36 ESV ³⁶ I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for **every careless word they speak,** ³⁷ for **by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.**

JAMES 3:6 NKJ ⁶ And **the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity.** The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.

Your mouth (and what comes out of it) is powerful and full of sin!

MORE!

OVER! 

Keeping control of what we say will lead to better things!

1 PETER 3:10 NASB ¹⁰ For, "The one who desires life, to love and see good days,
Must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit."

God even instructed the Jews in the Old Testament to speak in alignment with His words.

JOSH 1:8 NKJ ⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

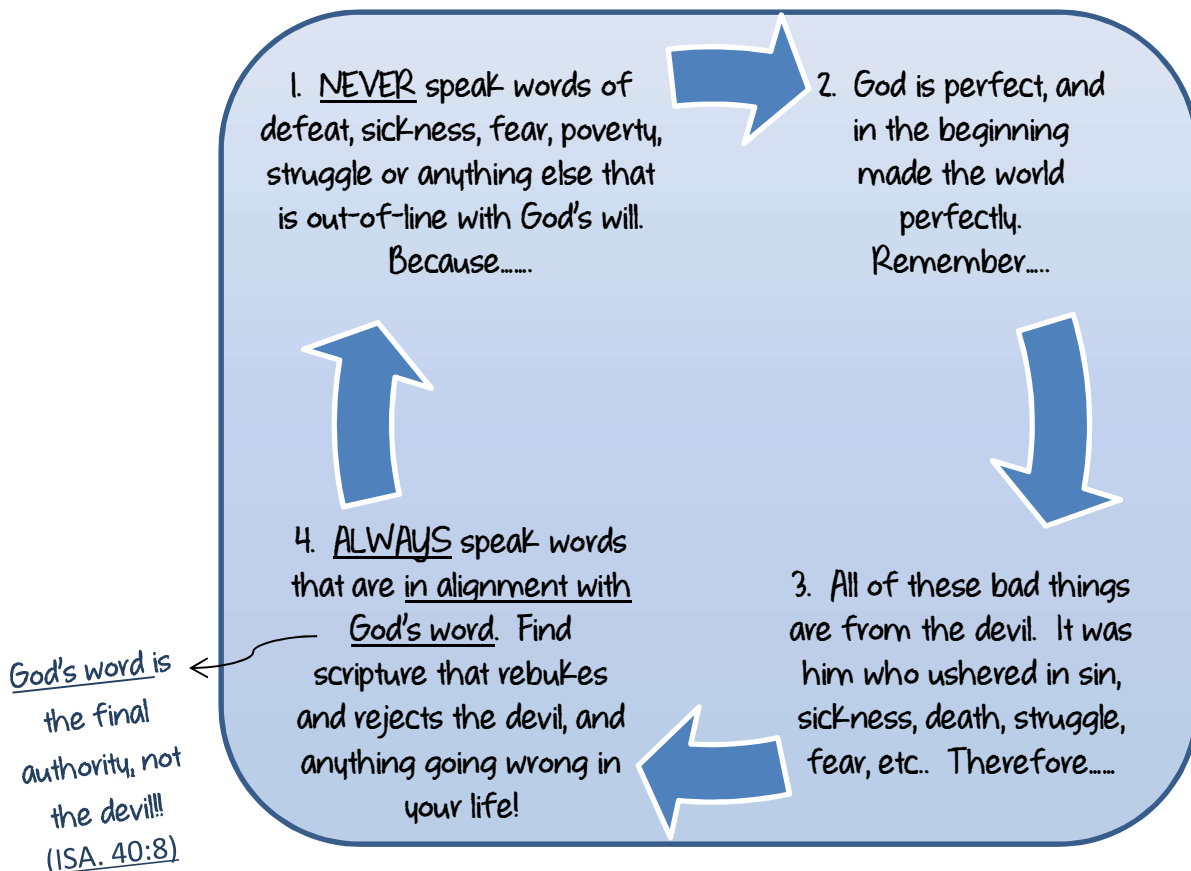
God Speaks Too!

Of course, God knows how important words are. He didn't wink, gesture, motion, or wave His hand.....God SPOKE the world into existence.

GEN 1:3-28 NKJ ³ Then God said, "Let there be light";.....
⁶ Then God said, "Let there be a firmament....."
⁹ Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens....."
¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass....."
¹⁴ Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament...."
²⁰ Then God said, "Let the waters abound....."
²⁴ Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth....."
²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image...."

Q: OK, so what does all of this mean??

A: Remember this:



Q: So, by speaking (and believing) words that are inline with God's, I can drive out sickness, poverty, fear, etc.? Basically, anything that is from the devil?

A: YES! Here's how:

1. We need to ask God for help controlling what we say:

JAMES 3:8 NIV ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

JAMES 3:2 NLT ²Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.

Don't feel bad!
We can't do it
ourselves and
God knows this.

Our words and actions
reveal what's truly in our
hearts! Invite Jesus in so
He can change you from
the inside out!

LUKE 6:45 NKJ ⁴⁵A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

→ (and what you say, matters!)

2. Realize that you have AUTHORITY! God has given us the authority to carry out His will.

GEN 1:26 NKJ ²⁶Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Even in the beginning, God empowered man and gave us authority over everything on Earth, which includes the devil.

Important! God is telling US
to resist and rebuke the devil! ←
(Stop asking Him to do it for
you!) ←

LUKE 10:19 NIV ¹⁸ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

JAMES 4:7 NKJ ⁷Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

3. Exercise your AUTHORITY by speaking [better] WORDS!

Speaking God's word is our weapon against the devil, so don't allow the devil to devour you by speaking words of defeat, poverty, sickness, or any other kind of struggle into your life.

EPH 6:17 NKJ ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the **sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**;

"What you need to use as the basis for your inner image and for the words you speak is the Word of God. The Word has supernatural power. And if you fill that Word with faith and speak it out, it will work for you to change your life and circumstances as surely as it did for your Father."

- Kenneth Copeland

"I declare that the devil has no authority over me." (LUKE 10:19)

"I confess that no evil can hurt me, because I am protected by God's outstretched arms. His promises are my armor and protection." (PS

91:10) "I affirm that no weapon formed against me shall prosper." (ISA 54:17)

"Thank you, God, for giving me favor with people." (ACTS 2:47)

Q: Feeling under the weather? A: Speak to it and tell it to go away (literally!).

→ (JOHN 16:23)

"In the name of Jesus Christ, I command [sickness] to leave my body. I declare that I have authority over this and I rebuke the devil and the sickness that he brings. Jesus healed me 2,000 year ago, and that's still true today because by His stripes, I was healed."

(JAM. 4:7)

→ (1 PET 2:24)

→ SPEAK directly to YOUR mountains (and believe!)

MARK 11:23-24 NKJ ²³ For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. ²⁴ Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

Remember, you beat the devil with the words that you say:

→ "Don't speak to God about your problems, speak to your problems about God."

- Andrew Wommack

REV 12:11 NKJ ¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the **word of their testimony**, and they did not love their lives to the death.

him = devil blood of the Lamb = Jesus
testimony = CONFESSIONS! (speak!)

Need help getting started?

Check out "Be Psalm 91 Equipped" for a great daily confession!