



"being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." ~ Philippians 1:6

God gave people a unique position in the earth above all the other created things. He has made us in His likeness. In this lesson we will study some faith building concepts relating to the power in both His and our own words.

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Romans 4:17 As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed--the God who gives life to the dead and <u>calls</u> things that are not as though they were.

1. God SAID then He SAW then he CALLED!

There are three verbs that are quite revealing to God's way of thinking in the first few verses of Genesis. God imagined it then he spoke it then it existed. That is not what we do. We SEE it in existence then we SAY and or call it.

Genesis 1:3-5
3. And God <u>said</u>, Let there be light: and there was light.
4. God <u>saw</u> the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5. And God <u>called</u> the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

If we are to walk by faith then we are to abandon our natural ways and take up God's. We need to stop believing circumstances and believe God. Circumstances are facts but power of God's word is greater than circumstances because it can only be truth! Example: Facts may say a person has an illness but God's truth confronts that fact with the truth of healing!

2 Corinthians 5:7 We live by faith, not by sight.

2.. God's very words have _____ power.

Before God spoke let there be light there was nothing! Nothing at all. Not even the elements existed. God created them "EX-NEHILIO" which means "out of nothing." So all that we know was created in the imagination of God and manifested by his spoken words. His words were not instant they were expressed in time. The first day God said: the second day God said. He willed it into being and it manifested in a period of time that he created called a day.

3. Therefore Gods very words are creative and cannot be

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the <u>worlds have</u> <u>been framed by the word of God</u>, so that what is seen hath not been made out of things which appear.

Isaiah 55:11 so is <u>my word</u> that goes out from my mouth: It <u>will not return to me empty</u>, but <u>will accomplish what I</u> <u>desire</u> and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

4. That means it is ______for Him to lie! What He says happens!

Titus 1:2 in hope of eternal life, which <u>God, who cannot lie,</u> <u>promised</u> before times eternal;

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Hebrews 6:18 that by two immutable things, in which <u>it is</u> <u>impossible for God to lie</u>, we may have a strong encouragement, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us:

5. We were created in His image and he imparted to us similar ability.

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Isaiah 51:16 I have put my words in your mouth and covered you with the shadow of my hand-- I who set the heavens in place, who laid the foundations of the earth, and who say to Zion, 'You are my people.'"

Romans 10:8 But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming:

II. Creative Power of our spoken words.

1. That creative power is still in effect as we all still exist and he has extended that creative power into the written word. He has also given man authority and that extends the creative power of the spoken word to us.

Our faith keeps pace with our confession

Mark 11:23 "I tell you the truth, if anyone <u>says</u> to this mountain, `Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he <u>says</u> will happen, it will be done for him. 24. Therefore I say unto you, Whatever things you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

YOU ARE what You SAY!

You HAVE what YOU SAY! JUST SAY it and SEE it!

Matthew 15:11 What goes into a man's mouth does not make him `unclean,' <u>but what comes out of his mouth</u>, that is what makes him `unclean.'"

2. Sooner or later we become and get what we confess!

Matthew 12:

34. You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.

35. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.

36. But I tell you that men will have to give account on the Day of Judgment for every careless word they have spoken.

37. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

3. Not convinced? What if God placed a MP3 recorder on you and recorded your every word through just one day. Would you have spoken life or death into existence in your life? Would you cringe when he played it back to you?

Luke 6:45 The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

Proverbs 18:21 Death <u>and life are in the power of</u> <u>the tongue;</u> And they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Your very salvation is consecrated by the spoken word.

4. Just reflect on the words you have spoken in the last twenty four hours and just pretend that every word you spoke will happen just as you have said. Would you change what you said about God, yourself, and others?

Romans 10: 6-10 (cross reference Duet 30:11-15)

6. But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, `Who will ascend into heaven?' "(that is, to bring Christ down)

7. "Or `Who will descend into the deep?' "(that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

8. But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming:

9. That <u>if you confess with your mouth</u>, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and <u>it is with your mouth that</u> you confess and are saved.

Just remember that you must agree with God and his word. He can not contradict himself. The Bible is His revealed will. So he will never tell you to do or allow you to have something that is not in agreement with His word. Here is something we need to know and agree with. Exercise:

1. Reflect on things you say with out thinking. If they were to happen, would you change what you say? What about the fact that God will judge you by the words you have spoken. <u>Are there expressions that you are saying that are defeating</u> you and undermining your prayers?

2. Are you insulting the work Jesus did with your words?

Hebrews 12:2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, <u>the author</u> and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. -- New International

3. Purpose in your heart to replace them with life giving words.

Deuteronomy 30:19 This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. <u>Now choose life</u>, so that you and your children may live

Answer Key:

Pg. 3 – creative, changed, impossible

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