

Unleashing the Power of the Sword of the Spirit

Overview: Affirming the Word of God over your life releases the Power of God to bring about the desired changes. Whatever challenge you face, obstacle to overcome, or sin to conquer, use the Word of God coming out of your mouth to be victorious. Faith-filled words out of your mouth have power. Everything is subject to change when the Word of God is proclaimed, and Titus 3:8 admonishes us to affirm the Word **constantly**.

A. The Power of the Spoken Word

1. Choose life not death, blessing not curses. Deut 30:19
Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:
2. Death and life are in the power of the tongue. Prov 18:21
Pro 18:21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.
3. The tongue is a tree of life. Prov 15:4 AMPC
Prov 15:4 A gentle tongue [with its healing power] is a tree of life, but willful contrariness in it breaks down the spirit.
4. You have what you say. Mark 11:23
Mar 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.
5. Your tongue controls (sets the direction) of your life. James 3:2-8
Jas 3:2-8 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

B. Transitioning the Word from Mental Assent to Your Heart

1. Transformation begins in the mind by the renewing power of God's Word. Rom 12:2
Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
2. Acting on the Word /Speaking the Word puts into your heart. James 1:21-25
Jas 1:21-25 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

3. Prepare your heart for the planting of the Word. Matt 13:18-23
 - a. The soft ground of understanding the Word.
Mat 13:18-19 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.
 - b. The cultivated ground where the root can go deep.
Mat 13:20-21 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.
 - c. The pure, uncontaminated ground without distraction.
Mat 13:22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.
 - d. The fertile ground that engenders the maximum harvest.
Mat 13:23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.
4. Meditate on the Word for wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God. Josh 1:8; Eph 1:17-18
Jos 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.
Eph 1:17-18 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,
5. Guarding the Word in our mind and heart. Prov 4:20-23
Pro 4:20-23 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

C. The Word Spoken out of Your Heart is Supercharged

1. Do not doubt in your heart. Mark 11:22-24
Mar 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.
Mar 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.
2. Faith resides in the heart. Rom 10:8-9
Rom 10:8-9 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
3. Example of Abraham. Rom 4:18-21; Heb 6:12-18
Rom 4:18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith,

giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

4. Faith filled words out of your heart gives power. Matt 12:34
Mat 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.
5. Your mouth sets your soul free. Jam 1:21; Pro 6:2; Prov 21:23
Jas 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.
Pro 6:2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.
Pro 21:23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.
6. Prospering soul results in health and prosperity, 3 John 1:2
3Jn 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Recommendations: Read, Study, Memorize, Meditate, Speak, and Act on Healing Scriptures until they grow and reap a bountiful harvest of faith in your heart, of faith filled words in your mouth, and actions of faith in your body.