

## **Power of Your Spoken Words - Sins of the Tongue**

Introduction: the tongue is powerful and we can use it for good or for evil. (God's word tells us that the power of life and death is in the tongue) We know that God created everything by speaking it into existence.

The spirit world is controlled by the Word of God. We are a part of that spirit world. The natural or physical world is to be controlled by man speaking God's Word. The spoken word is God's creative power. Every believer has the spirit of God dwelling in them and because of that, the words we speak carry God's creative power!

The word of God warns us to guard our words as we will be held accountable for what we speak.

Matthew 12: 36-37 says;

But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the Day of Judgment. For by your words you will be justified and by your words you will be condemned."

The enemy is very aware of the power our words have and takes advantage of the negative words we speak in our daily lives. By our words, we can speak curses upon ourselves, those whom we love or those we have contact with during our everyday life. Three types of curses that we speak that can have negative affects upon our lives are;

### **Self-imposed Curses**

Psalm 34:13 - Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

Proverbs 18:20-21 - A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth; from the produce of his lips he shall be filled.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue,  
and those who love it will eat its fruit.

James 1:26 - If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.

We can bring curses upon ourselves by the things we say.

If we say things about ourselves like;

- I can't do it,
- I'm so stupid,
- I never do anything right,
- I knew that was going to happen to me

We bring a self-fulfilling prophecy into our lives.

Negative words speak a lack of faith in God, and without faith it is impossible to please God.

Hebrews 11:6 - But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is alive in us, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

We must delete negative phrases and statements from our lives. Remember: we are indebted by the words of our mouth, and we will have to settle the debt with God for any hateful, negative words we speak.

You need to forgive yourself for speaking those words over your life and then break the influence that they may have over it.

### **Curses Spoken by Parents**

Genesis 9:24-25 - So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. Then he said: "cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants he shall be to his brethren."

This scripture shows how Noah cursed his son Ham, saying he would be a slave to his brothers. Because of this spoken curse, Ham and his descendants served his brothers, showing how parents have authority over their children in what they say and how they mold the destinies of their children for good or bad. The words spoken over us by our parents or other authority figures have tremendous power, though most people fail to realize it.

Did your parents or an authority figure ever speak to you in an unwise or hurtful way?

Did they ever say to you;

- you are bad,
- you will never amount to anything,
- you are worthless,
- you will never succeed.
- you will never be good in school

If so, you need to forgive your parents or that authority figure for speaking those words and then break the influence of those words spoken over you.

Have you as a parent spoken some of the same things to your children, or have you unfavorably compared them to other children or family? Have you said;

- why can't you be more like your brother/sister,
- you are just like your father/mother.

If you have ever spoken to your children this way, you need to ask your children for forgiveness and then break the curses and agreements those wrong words have brought into their lives.

In some families there are repetitive types of behavior that seemingly pass down from generation to generation. These could be evidence of spoken curses that have been passed down through the family. Some families have generations of children born out of wedlock. It becomes almost expected behavior.

- "all the women in this family get pregnant before they get married."
- mental illness runs in this family!!
- "cancer runs in our family,"

- “everyone in our family is all overweight,”
- “all the men in this family die from heart attacks.”
- every one gets divorced in this family
- most people in this family get married three or four times.

All generational curses can be rebuked and broken. We are not destined to repeat the mistakes of our ancestors. However, we have to acknowledge that these curses may have been thrust upon us by past words spoken over us. We need to start saying the right things about who we are. We have to walk in faith that when we ask, the Lord will deliver us.

### **Curses Spoken by Others**

Sometimes curses come into our lives because of the spoken words of teachers, employers, doctors, and others we come in contact with in the course of everyday life. Teachers can “make or break” their students depending on the words they speak to them.

Don’t let them curse your child’s destiny with statements such as;

- you’re not college material, your grades are just not good enough
- why can’t you keep up with the others?
- you are the worst kid in the class.

Listen to your child/children closely. Make sure their teachers are good encouragers and role models. If not, you will have to be the one that counteracts their harsh words.

Because employers wield so much influence over us, their words can have a profound effect on our lives. Do not receive in your heart negative statements of your abilities such as;

- you never finish anything on time,
- you mess up every project you get,
- you don’t deserve a raise.
- I don’t think you can do this job.

Examine the statements of your employer to see if you need to improve in some area and use their suggestions as constructive suggestions, but do not receive them in your heart as defining who you are.

Doctors unknowingly speak curses into our lives. Yes, they have medical expertise and we should value their input, but we must never forget that Jesus is our physician and he can do what no medical doctor can do. Jesus has the final say in our healing. If the doctor says;

- You have cancer and there is no hope,
- I have never known anyone with your condition who recovered,
- you are just going to have to live with the pain
- there is nothing more we can do

Thank him for his concerns, but then go to the Lord in prayer and acknowledge Him as the source of your health and healing. When you receive your healing speak to the Lord and say out loud, I receive my healing in the Name of Jesus.

Words spoken by teachers, employers, doctors or by anyone else must be broken from your life and totally rejected as lies from hell.

Examine the fruits of your tongue! Does your life reflect your tongue? Does your tongue speak death or does it speak life?

James 3:5 - even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles!

The same tongue that offers up words of praise and worship to our Lord and Savior, is the same tongue we allow the enemy to use to speak curses on ourselves and on those we love and respect.

Take inventory of your sins of the tongue. Are the words that you speak, words of encouragement, love, patients and respect? What has opened the door to our sins of the tongue? Sin, childhood experiences, generational influences, soul ties, accepting and agreeing with those lies, or words spoken over and against you.

Take up the **Sword of the Spirit**, the Word of God (Ephesians 6:17) and choose to use it against all forces of evil. Declare that you will defeat the enemy with the Word of God as the Spirit of God leads.

Because Jesus died on the cross we can now stand against harsh words spoken over us past and/or present. We have this authority!!

Today we stand against hell using our tongues and the words we speak! Speak with authority!  
**Speak God's words into existence!**

### **A Word of Encouragement from the Lord**

He has made you kings & priests unto God. (Revelation 1:6) You must stand on this word even though your current circumstances say contrary. Remember that David was anointed king by God through Samuel long before he actually sat on the throne. He was no less God's anointed through the years of wait. In every peril, every trial, when David despaired of life, the Lord God was still in control. Through every failure and victory, in darkness and in light, through fear and faith, The Lord was and still is The Almighty. He says that you are a mighty man (woman) of valor. Don't let the enemy dispute this in your heart and mind. When the walls seem to close in and you seem in utter darkness, He says to you 'having done all, stand; stand on My word, on My promises. (Ephesians 6:13) Stand on the fact that I AM'.