

Spiritual Laws in Kingdom Living

The Law of Confession Part I

A Caleb's Promise Ministry Teaching

Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me.

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WORDS – THE MOST POWERFUL FORCE IN THE EARTH

Words are the most powerful thing in the earth. They have the creative power to bless or the destructive power to curse. Satan has deceived mankind, and many Believers, into believing our words are powerless and ineffectual. The saying above, which we learned as kids on the playground, is straight out of Satan's strategic campaign to keep man in bondage to him and his destructive, corrupt, and deadly system in this earth.

God tells us just how powerful His Word is and what it will do in Isaiah 55:11 and Numbers 23:19:

Isaiah 55:11

So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent: hath He said, and shall He not do it? or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?

When God's Word is declared, in faith, by a Believer, over a situation, a circumstance, or a desire, God's decree in Isaiah 55:11 is brought to pass. God tells us His Word always bears fruit when decreed in faith. Just look at what happened in creation when God said, "light be" in Genesis 1:3. God spoke the creation of light by His faith. In Numbers 23:19, God tells us whatever He has said is true, and He will see His Word is made good. God's Word is so important that God put it over His own name – God put Himself under His own Word.

Psalms 138:2

I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy name for Thy lovingkindness and for Thy Truth: for Thou hast magnified Thy Word above all Thy name.

God tells us in Job 22:38 when we decree His Word in faith, what we've decreed shall be established and shall be prosperous. What an amazing promise! And, it is a blood promise, or oath, by God to us as His children. God signed His promise to us by the blood of Jesus Christ. There is no greater testament to a contract than the blood of Jesus Christ.

Job 22:28

Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light [Hebrew word for "light" here means "the light of prosperity"] shall shine upon thy ways.

It is critically important Believers understand the power of words. They can bless or they can curse us. They can change and rearrange anything – for good or for evil.

Proverbs 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Jesus instructed us the very same thing in Matthew – our words will justify us and bless us or condemn us and bring calamity and sorrow to our lives.

Matthew 12:37

For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

I don't know how much clearer the Word can be to us about our tongues – our mouths – and what comes out of them – even in jest. Our spoken words will either bless or curse us, our families, our health, our businesses, our ministries, our walk with Christ, our relationships with our wives, children, grandchildren, supervisors, etc. God made the spoken word to rule the earth.

Deuteronomy 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:

When God says to “choose life,” He means to seek His Truth [Word], understand It, and decree It so you and your family will walk in the newness of life and receive the bountiful blessings God has for us – on this earth.

SPIRITUAL LAW OF CONFESSION

**The Law of Confession is One of the Mysteries in the Bible
That Has Been Hidden for the Church, Not from the Church.
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As mentioned in an earlier lesson, spiritual laws govern the spiritual world and the physical world. This is because the physical world came from the spiritual world. How do we know this to be true? God created everything, and He is a spirit.

John 4:24

God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

It is also important to understand God's Word is Spirit, and, therefore, has great power when activated by speaking it in faith. Jesus taught us this in John 6:63.

John 6:63

It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

How does spiritual law govern or overcome physical (natural) law? By the spoken Word.

The Greek word for “confession” in the New Testament is “Homologeō.” “Homo” means “the same” and “logeō” means “word.”

Confession = “to say the same thing or to agree with.”

When we speak from our spirit, in faith, according to the Word of God, we will bring what we need from the spiritual realm into the natural realm. We do this through “confessing” God’s Word over our lives, over our situations, our future, our children’s future, our business, our health, etc. Joshua 1:8 is known as the Law of Confession, the spiritual law of confession.

Joshua 1:8

This book of the law [“Word of God” for the New Covenant Believer] 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.

“**Meditate**” = Hebrew word “hagah” meaning “to moan, growl, utter, speak, muse.”

→**Discuss Numbers 13:26-33, 14:1-5; 28**

→**Discuss Joshua 1**

Our spoken words were meant by God to fulfill His will for our lives – who we are, where we go, and what we have in life – all for our good.

How satan Wages War Against Us

satan understands the power of the Law of Confession. He understands the power of words, in general. This is why satan has used deception to make us think our words are powerless and ineffective. Before our salvation, words meant little to us. When we became saved, we realized words have some power, but the majority of us were never in a church where we received the revelation of the Law of Confession and the understanding of the power of words to bless us or to curse us.

satan started right in the Garden of Eden with Eve. Look at Genesis 3:1. Satan says to Eve, “Yea hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the Garden?” satan attacks God’s Word. You can see in the following verses how satan deceives Eve’s mind with words. He is planting the seed of deception and doubt, through words, in Eve’s heart. We all know the result.

Jesus, during His earthly ministry points out to us how satan will wage war against our minds and hearts.

John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Jesus is telling us satan will steal, kill, and destroy. How? By the words he convinces mankind, and Believers, to speak. satan can only be successful against a Believer, if the Believer allows him. How? Through words spoken by the Believer.

Psalms 26:2

As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.

God makes it clear anything of the curse that comes on a man, Believer or not, doesn’t just happen of its own accord. The curse comes because of the spoken word.

However, in John 10:10, Jesus is come that those who will believe on Him might have life – but not just life, not just getting by, not just surviving “until we all get to heaven, what a glorious day that will be” – but have life on this earth more abundantly. How? We will have the abundance of life by decreeing His Word in faith.

Matthew 12:36

But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

In Matthew 12:36, Jesus is telling us to guard our tongue. “Idle word” is referring to anything spoken that is not in line with God’s Word. This is also known as “vain words.” Vain means “empty, fruitless.” Mistakenly, many churches teach we’ll give account of our words when we stand before Jesus in Heaven. The “day of judgment” in this verse refers to the trials we face on this earth. Summing it up, Jesus is saying any words you speak that are not in line with God’s Word will come back to you as a trial in this earth. Let me give you just a few, common “idle” expressions as examples:

“I feel a cold coming on.” “I’m dying to get out of here.” “My feet are killing me.” “If it weren’t for bad luck, I wouldn’t have any luck at all.” “It’s flu season.” “I don’t have two pennies to rub together.” “God is my co-pilot.” “I’m robbing from Peter to pay Paul.” “I wish he would drop dead.” “You’re too small.” “You’re not smart enough.” “You’re not going to make it.”

Now, if you believe any of these words or expressions, then you will suffer from a trial created by your spoken words. However, many of the expressions you don’t really believe. You just say them because it’s what everybody does or you’re just going along with the group. So, you won’t suffer harm from the words because you don’t believe them. However, there is a more insidious threat taking place perpetrated by Satan. Because you utter “idle” or “vain” words you don’t believe, your spirit man becomes convinced you don’t believe every word you say. Over time, your heart gets accustomed to not believing what your mouth is saying. When you finally do declare a truth, you say it, but deep inside, your heart doesn’t believe it. You’ve fallen into wishful thinking and not faith-filled expectation.

Please, please don’t scoff at the fact idle or vain words will have an impact on you. Rationalizing the Word of God away to fit your opinion or preference doesn’t change God’s spiritual and physical laws. God doesn’t change (Malachi 3:6) to fit anyone’s beliefs. One’s beliefs must change to fit God’s laws.

Idle words are a significant problem for the Believer. We will study God’s Word to see how we combat and overcome this to walk in constant and consistent victory through our spoken words.

We Must Increase the Value We Put On Our Words – Every Word – All the Time – Because God Does. He Hates Empty, Fruitless Words. We Are Disobeying God’s Charge to be Fruitful, Multiply, and Take Dominion with Our Words.
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Ephesians 5:6

Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

In the box above, Dr. Bill Winston provides context to Ephesians 5:6. Vain speaking will never bring God’s Kingdom to this earth.

EVERYTHING FRAMED BY THE WORD OF GOD

To understand just how important words are, look at Genesis 1. Did God think all creation into existence? Did God think man into existence? No, God spoke all of creation, including man, into existence. So, how important do you think words are to God and to creation?

Hebrews 11:3

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Everything created was “framed” by the Word of God. God used His Word, which is spiritual and cannot be seen, to create the physical, which can be seen. Nothing in the physical or natural realm was created by something you can see. God’s Word, which can’t be seen, manifested the fruit of the Word in the physical or natural realm.

When Adam and Eve were in the Garden prior to the fall, they only spoke the Word of God. They knew no other way to speak. However, once they disobeyed God, God’s Spirit left them, and they were filled with a natural or carnal spirit. Their words now reflected their new state – one of sin and death – their new way of thinking and speaking.

However, what God had spoken over them, the mandate, didn’t change. Their nature had changed, but they were still to be fruitful, multiply, replenish, subdue, and take dominion. Their words still had great power, but their words now had the power to produce good or evil, blessings or cursing, life or death.

Jesus changed this with His death and resurrection and gave man a way back to being spiritually alive to God again. Jesus fills us with His Spirit, and we can commune with Him and speak His Word in faith. However, we still have to make a choice to speak life or death with our tongue. Jesus makes it clear our words will justify us and bring blessing to our lives, or our words will condemn us and bring chaos and sorrow to our lives.

Hebrews 1:3

Who being the brightness of His [God’s] glory, and the express image of His [God’s] person, and upholding **all things by the Word of His [God’s] power**, when He [Jesus Christ] had by Himself [Jesus Christ] purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Hebrews 1:3 tells us God holds all creation together “by the Word of His power.” As mentioned earlier in Psalms 138:2, God is under His Word. He is bound by His Word. God is sovereign. He answers to no being – but He does answer to His Word. In Hebrews 1:3, God’s power is manifested by His Word. God’s Word is the “force” of His power.

→Discuss the fig tree in Mark 11:11-14 and 20-24.

→Discuss the storm in Mark 4:35-41.

We need to take heed to what is coming out of our mouths because therein lies our destiny.

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STANDING ON THE WORD OF GOD

Believers have spiritual authority through their position in Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ in them. Jesus made this very clear in John 14:12.

John 14:12

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father.

How did Jesus do His works? Through the spoken Word. Jesus sent His Holy Spirit into the world in Acts and it indwells the Believer. The Holy Spirit is to teach us and to bring to our remembrance the things Jesus [and God] said.

→Discuss the three temptations of Jesus in Matthew 4:1-11. Note Jesus Christ was not known to Satan until the Holy Ghost descended on Him at the water baptism. Jesus was both man and God. His humanity was tempted by Satan to “doubt” His divinity. Satan does the same thing to us – he did the same thing to Eve.

John 14:26

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

What’s important about “whatsoever I have said unto you?” It is the Word of God which we have to decree in and over our lives to “be prosperous and have success” [Joshua 1:8].

It is critical Believers understand their mouths can destroy the vision God puts in their hearts. We have to say what “needs” to be said, and then be quiet. We need to learn to listen to the Holy Spirit – speak what He tells you to speak; otherwise, KEEP QUIET.

Our Man Job – Learn from Him the Power of Words

God gives us a great example of the power of words in the Book and the man called “Job.” Job existed before the written Word of God, even before the Books of the Law. Job was not under the Law, he was under Grace. Job was also under THE BLESSING. You can see this as Job was the richest man in the East.

Job learned the hard way about the power of words. Job did understand THE BLESSING, but he forgot one important part of it – he had no reason to ever fear. Even though it wasn’t written at the time, the spiritual principle of Proverbs 6:2 was in place and in force in the earth. God included the Book of Job to help us avoid the unnecessary trial Job went through.

Proverbs 6:2:

Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth

Sadly, even though we have God’s written Word today, the church teaches it incorrectly [satan’s deception], and Believers continue to make the same mistake Job made – again and again.

Even though Job made a mistake with his words, he never sinned or had a bad attitude toward God during the trial he went through. Job shows a Believer doesn’t have to sin to allow Satan to have power over them. We are righteous through Christ, and, yet still, by our tongue we can allow satan and the curse to wreak havoc in our lives.

God is very clear that He only blesses His children [James 1:17] and He never tempts His children [James 1:13]. Sadly, this is not what I was taught in church the first 55 years of my life. And, Job didn't know this as well as evidenced in Job 1:21. But, Job learned.

Job acknowledges "fear" and the words of fear is what opened the hedge about his family and him in Job 3:25. He also came to understand his mistake in Job 6:24.

The beauty of all of Job's trial is God restored Job to twice the possessions, wealth, and children because Job remained humble [completely trusting in the LORD].

→**Discuss Job and his situation in the book of Job.**

Psalms 141:3

Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

Our lips are the door of our mouth. Once we open the door and speak from the tongue, we either bless or curse ourselves and others. Our Father has taught us the Law of Confession from His Word [you are being taught it now and have no excuses]. He will show and teach us, but He cannot do it for us.

Psalms 39:1

(To the chief Musician, *even* to Jeduthun, A Psalm of David.) I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.

David acknowledges something very important in Psalms 39:1. "The wicked [satan and his demons] is before me." satan and his demons are waiting for your words. Speak Words of life, and satan flees. Speak words of death, and satan glees.

Psalms 103:20

Bless the LORD, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His Word.

David also acknowledges something else very important in Psalms 103:20. "ye His angels...hearkening unto the voice of His Word." Our ministering angels [Hebrews 1:14], assigned to us, only respond to God's Word spoken in faith.

MINISTERING, *participle present tense* Attending and serving as a subordinate agent; serving under superior authority.

Who is the "superior authority" according to the definition above? It's the Believer [Psalms 8:4-6; Ephesians 2:6].

I John 5:14-15

¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us:

¹⁵And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.

Although this will be covered in later lessons, God only hears us when we ask according to His will. This is made clear in I John 5:14. Therefore, we need to make sure the words we are speaking line up with God's Word. If our words line up with God's Word, then we are in His will, and He will hear and honor His promises to us.

In standing on the Word of God, we are instructed by the Holy Spirit, through Paul's writing, we are not to allow any "corrupt communications" come from our mouths.

Ephesians 4:29

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

I Corinthians 15:33

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

"**Corrupt Communication**" = Greek words "sapro" = "rotten, putrefied; worn out; of poor quality, bad, unfit for use, worthless" and "logos" = "words, spoken or written."

→**Discuss Corrupt Communications and The Impact on Us and Our Families. What Should We Be Speaking (Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Psalms 1; Psalms 37; Psalms 91; Psalms 112)?**

→**Discuss Jairus' Daughter Mark 5:23, 36 – Jairus' and Jesus' Confession**

→**Discuss Shunammite Woman II Kings 4 and Her Confession**

NO TO UNBELIEF!!

satan will come against us when we walk in faith according to God's Word. He will try to deceive, condemn, and tempt you with lying circumstances, send people to disagree with your confession of faith, bring discouragement, and try to get you to say something you shouldn't say. If satan is able to do this, he can take your "idle" or "vain" words and cause "what you feared most" to come on you.

NEVER BACK OFF YOUR CONFESSION OF FAITH IN GOD'S WORD – NO MATTER WHAT IS HAPPENING!! DON'T SAY ANYTHING THAT DOESN'T LINE UP WITH GOD'S WORD!!

II Corinthians 5:7

(For we walk by faith, not by sight [senses, emotions]:)

What are tools satan uses to have us walk in unbelief? Hate, anger, irritation, frustration, unforgiveness, strife, bitterness, jealousy, lying – all forms of corruption. These emotions result in "idle" or "vain" confessions of death and cursing. Remember, in an earlier lesson we spoke of the Law of Sowing and Reaping. This law pertains not only to money, but it also pertains to all other aspects of our lives.

Galatians 6:7-8

⁷Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. ⁸For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

When we speak hateful words, angry words, offensive words, lying words, condemning words, fearful words, etc., not only do we hurt and curse others, we reap the decay of death and curses of these words. These words are words of the flesh. The flesh is of corruption – it hasn't yet been redeemed. It is carnal, of the world, and the world's system is led by Satan.

Remember, the person who is the object of your "idle" or "vain" words is NOT YOUR ENEMY. Ephesians 6:12 makes it clear we are battling not with flesh and blood, but with demonic forces. We are to love all persons with the love of Christ. Vengeance in any form is not yours. It is God's.

Romans 12:19

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

→Discuss Luke 4:18-21, Isaiah 61:1-2; and Hosea 6:3 (former and latter rain: former=Jesus Christ, latter=Holy Spirit).

→Discuss Psalms 1

→Discuss I Peter 1:24, Isaiah 53:1-5; Romans 8:11, and III John 2

HOW TO CONVINCING THE HEART OF THE WORDS YOUR MOUTH SPEAKS

If we're honest, most of the time our heart doesn't believe our mouth. So, how do we heal this disconnect between the two? There are three steps we must take as Believers:

1. Stop saying "idle words." Take inventory of your mouth. If you're like me, we need to repent [turn from] to God for our mouths, stop speaking idle words, and rejoice in believing we've been delivered from satan's deception.
2. Ask God to take inventory of your heart and cleanse you of all unbelief.
3. Renew your mind daily in the Word of God.

LAW OF AGREEMENT

Another spiritual law that works hand in hand with the Law of Confession is the Law of Agreement.

Matthew 18:19

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven.

This Law of Agreement functioning with the Law of Confession is extremely powerful. "God's will for your words is first to agree with His Word. Then He wants you to agree with someone else according to His Word. He wants you to do this so He can bless you in every way imaginable." [Dr. Bill Winston]

VERSES (not all inclusive) REFERENCING THE WORD AND OUR WORDS

Psalms 1:2

But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in His law doth he meditate day and night

Psalms 37:4

Delight thyself also in the LORD: and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart

Proverbs 13:2-4

²A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.

³He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

⁴The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

Psalms 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.

Psalms 37:30

The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

Proverbs 2:6

For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

Proverbs 4:24

Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

Proverbs 10:11

The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

Proverbs 12:14

A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth: and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

Proverbs 13:2

A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.

Proverbs 15:23

A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!

Proverbs 15:28

The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

Proverbs 18:20

A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

Proverbs 21:23

Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

In lesson 2 of the Law of Confession, we will continue to delve into this extremely important spiritual law to see how we continue to combat an evil report, how we walk daily in the victory and promises of God's Word, and how we live the "abundant life" on this earth as Christ commanded us.