"Speak Life pt. 2 (Changing Our Lives By Changing Our Words)"

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"Stop Complaining, Start Proclaiming! (Changing Our Lives By Changing Our Words)"

{Repeat after me}

"I Am A Child Of God!" {1 John 3:2}

#complaining

"I Am Strong Because My God Is With Me!"

{Deuteronomy 31:6}

"I Am A Light In The Darkness!"

{Matthew 5:16}

{Check for affirming cards}

{talk to your neighbor and say what's on your card}

{tell them an affirmation you've heard this month}

It's something about words.

It's important to realize how powerful our words are.

And why speaking them to ourselves are affirmations

Positive Affirmations Are Positive and Uplifting Statements Said To Motivate

For example:

I Am Strong And Resilient

I Have The Power To Change

This is a boost to our self-worth.

We are not "weak" individuals...

we tell ourselves that we are strong.

and we are consistent through hits.

The second one:

I am not stuck.

I am not trapped.

not to an ideal

not to a specific place or direction

I CAN change my direction.

This means that if I set my mind to it...

There is so much I can do.

So we speak to ourselves to "get better."

We read...repeat...

Say things out loud.

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It's helpful in decreasing stress.

It's helpful in increasing our behavior.

It's helpful to let the small stuff roll off our backs.

Our words mean things!

Affirmations are productive!

Declaring things are productive!

The Bible Teaches Us About The Power Of Our Voice!

The Bible is the example of what words do.

Words make action.

Speaking creates change.

Proclaiming creates results.

Let's look at what the bible said God did.

In Genesis the Lord created everything.

And he did it by his words.

God's Words Created Something Where There Was Nothing

When he said something...

it happened!

What else did God say?

Genesis 1:26-27

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." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

God said that man would be made in 2 ways:

We Are Made:

- 1. In God's Image
- 2. In God's Likeness

Let's talk about this passage.

We have different attributes from God!

1. We Are Made In The Image Of God

An image is visible.

a visual representation of something.

When you look at a picture...

That's an image.

When you look at a movie/tv.

That's an image in motion.

When you watch the game on tv.

That's not ACTUALLY LeBron on your tv screen.

that's his image.

Our eyes send the images we see to our brains that tell us what it is.

We are also created in the image of our parents.

We look at our children to see who they look more like.

They aren't twins of us.

they are similar in image.

There are visible traits you receive from your parents!

So God said we are made in his image.

We are created in a way that "looks" like God.

Our form is in God's image.

2. We Are Made In The Likeness Of God

We gave an example before about "acting like."

This is similar to how we can sometimes relate to our parents.

There are things you do that are traits you got from your parents.

You may be gifted musically.

You might be gifted athletically.

You might be gifted academically.

There are certain traits you got from your parents.

There are also traits you received from being like God also!

Proverbs 18:21

21 The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

First we see the tongue has power.

Your words have power!

What type of power?

The power of life or death.

Words have effects!

There is something about our words!

Proverbs 15:1

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

God Has Given Power To Your Words!

If our words have power.

And God's word has power.

Let's change from speaking regular affirmations.

Let's start speaking what the Lord says in his word! Normal affirmations deal with us.

Biblical affirmations deal with God working THRU us.

Speak Biblical Affirmations Over Yourself!

What are some Biblical Affirmations you can speak over yourself?

Here are 5 from last time:

Biblical Affirmation:

"1. I Am A Masterpiece!"

{Ephesians 2:10: Psalm 139:14}

Ephesians 2:10 10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Psalm 139:14 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

I am God's workmanship.

I am fearfully and wonderfully made!

Biblical Affirmation:

2. I Will Not Let Today Ruin My Mood!

{Psalm 125:1; John 16:33; John 14:27}

Psalm 125:1 1Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

John 16:33 33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 14 27 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

God if I trust in you...I cannot be shaken.

You give me peace.

I will have troubles...but you have conquered all of it!

I have peace in you!

3. I Am Constantly Protected By A God Who Watches!

{2 Thessalonians 3:3; Psalm 32:7}

2 Thess 3:3 3 But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

Psalm 32:7 7 You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

The Lord is faithful...he will strengthen and PROTECT you from the evil one.

The Lord protects us. He covers us!

Biblical Affirmation:

4. I Am Set Free From My Past!

{Romans 8:1-2}

Romans 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

There is no condemnation...for Christ has set us free from the law of sin and death.

I am new in Christ and FREE!

We don't have to allow people to remind us of who we used to be.

Everyone has a past and through Christ

Biblical Affirmation:

5. God Is With Me Always!

{Psalm 46:1; Joshua 1:9}

Psalm 46:1 1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Joshua 1:9 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

God is our refuge!

He will be with us wherever we go.

If he is with us...

There is no place we can go where he is not there.

Let's add to the list today.

Biblical Affirmation:

6. I Can Handle Whatever Comes My Way Today! {Psalm 37:23, Psalm 121:8}

Psalm 37:23 (ESV)

23 The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way;

Psalm 121:8 (NKJV)

The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore.

Your steps are established.

The Lord preserves your going out and coming in.

It is preserved.

It is protected.

it is guarded (MSG).

When you leave...it's protected.

When you come home...it's protected.

Whatever happens during the day.

7. I Am A Friend Of God!

{John 15:13, James 2:23}

John 15:13

13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

James 2:23

23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend.

He calls us friends.

He calls us brothers/sisters.

You might not feel accepted from other people.

but your GOD calls you friend.

8. God Has GOOD Plans In Store For Me!

{Jeremiah 29:11, Genesis 50:20}

Jeremiah 29:11

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Genesis 50:20

20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Joseph told his brothers they intended to harm him.

but God allowed it to happen

their evil plans would only propel him!

9. I Am The Head, Not The Tail!

{Deuteronomy 28:13}

Deuteronomy 28:13

13 The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom.

This means that you are not 2nd or 3rd.

You are the top!

You are better because you know the Lord!

10. My God Is Working Through Me To Do Great Things!

{Philippians 2:13}

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13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

We are not just acting on our own.

The Lord is working through us!

You have a God who has his hands on you!

11. I Have A God Who Fights For Me!

{Psalm 60:12, 1 Corinthians 15:57}

Psalm 60:12

12 With God we will gain the victory, and he will trample down our enemies.

1 Corinthians 15:57

57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

It's not your fight!

Vengeance is mine declares the Lord!

When people come against you...

they are coming against him!

Remind yourself of who you are!

recap:

Your words have power.

God gave you the ability to SPEAK things.

We have been spending time this month "speaking."

Speak the word of God over your life!

Speak it daily!

Speak it over your family!

We set up something that will provide you with a daily affirmation you can speak.

Some of you are already doing it.

We want others to join.

Let's get more affirmations!

Want To Receive More Affirmations?

Text: I Am

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You will receive a daily affirmation of what the Lord says about you.