

Why the Simple Sentences You Speak Every Day Have the Power of Life or Death

I believe by faith what I speak out will happen. The Bible says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Prov. 18:21) and it instructs us to speak to our mountain, and we will have whatever we say (Matt. 21:21). There is power in our words! Speak means to make a request or claim, to pronounce or express orally, which means declare, When we speak through simple statements, we are declaring.

Jesus made simple statements. They were effective, produced results and had power. His words manifested everlasting fruit, healing and deliverance. He said, "Great is your faith. Let it be done to you as you desire" (Matt. 15:28b) and "You are loosed from your infirmity," (Luke 13:12b). Healing and deliverance resulted when Jesus spoke. He even raised Lazarus from the dead with His words.

I believe when I speak it is going to produce results. When someone sneezes and you respond with, "God bless you" I believe He is really going to bless that person. Why say goodbye to someone when leaving them if you can speak a blessing over them such as:

- Be blessed and highly favored.
- Have a blessed day.
- May the joy of the Lord be your strength today.
- Have a great day; may angels guard and protect you.

I believe valedictions (farewells and closings) have great and mighty power when we speak out by faith. I believe they will have an impact on other people. What we say will produce life and fruit. We should attempt, at every opportunity, to speak a blessing or positive word statement over another person's

life.

Negativity and pessimistic attitudes have been part of our society. One of the things people struggle with and need healing from are the words that have been spoken over their lives. Think about as a teenager how you left your house and your mom would say, "Be careful honey, drive safely; the roads are wet or slippery." Words put thoughts in your mind and as an adult you could have those words come into your mind when you go out to drive. You could be thinking, "Oh I shouldn't go out; the roads are slippery." Words last in our souls far beyond when they were spoken. What if your mom would have said, "Have fun, sweetheart; may the blood of Jesus cover you." You may have felt more secure driving and that your mom trusted you and thought you were a great driver.

We don't realize how simple words and sentences impact us; in fact, they can bless or curse us. What if we can change a person's day by speaking life, love, joy, happiness and blessing over them? Don't you think they will stop and notice how you are blessing them after you have left them several times? I even think random strangers we speak blessing over will pause and even sometimes turn around and say, "Wow, thanks," I know they have to me.

If death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they are because it is scriptural, then don't you think we should be speaking life? {eo}

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