

Begin now to put more "LIFE" in your speech and watch things begin to change for the better!

Next week we will continue this study on "The War of Words" and look into the role of prayer and confession in this war.

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## Scripture Meditation for this Week:

"...If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." **Romans 10:9-10 NKJ**

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*This is the Twentieth Anniversary reprint of the very first issue of Weekly Wisdom. Twenty years ago the Lord showed me this format in a vision and I began to produce this as a bulletin insert each week for a number of years. I was impressed to reintroduce this to you in this anniversary year, so enjoy!*

As Pastor of Harvestfire Church International am proud to introduce to you this first issue of "Weekly Wisdom". Each week I will share with you a short teaching from God's Word that you can take home and read over and over, study the Scripture references and feed on the subject matter all week.

Share "**Weekly Wisdom**" with your friends and neighbors. You can use it to invite new people the church, witness to people about the Word of God or however the Spirit of God would lead you to use it. I want you to be blessed by this tool of ministry and use it to bless others as well. God bless you richly in all that you do this week. Pastor Bill Dennington

## The War of Words Part 1

**WORDS!** Just take a moment and think about how many words are spoken all over the world in just one day's time. Hundreds of millions of words being spoken in every language known to mankind. Good words, bad words; words of faith, words of fear; words of love, words of hatred; words of peace, words of war; every kind of word being spoken to produce a wide variety of results.

As Christians, we should be very aware of our words on a continual basis. **The truth of the power of the spoken word should always be an ever-conscious thought in those who carry God's anointing.** Think of it, the primary way God instructed us to influence a lost and dying world was with the simple, but no less powerful, means of the spoken word.

One of the major keys to having powerful words of influence in ministry to other people is found in controlling your words; having mastery over everything you say throughout your normal experience of life. You can't just say whatever hits your mind and speak a bunch of foolish, coarse or non-productive words, then turn right around and speak words of faith and power, expecting to have God's anointing flowing in your life.

**James 3:2-12** goes into great detail to explain the importance of gaining mastery over your tongue. Clarence Jordan's translation of **James 3:2** says, "If a person is never loosed-mouthed, he is a mature man, capable of exercising complete control over himself."

Jordan's translation renders **verses 6-10** of **James 3** this way: "The tongue, too, is a flame, setting the world afire with mischief. It has established itself among our organs and messed up the whole body. It is hell's blowtorch, making life an inferno. Man can tame-or has tamed-every kind of animal, bird, reptile, and even inhabitants of the sea, yet he is unable to control his own tongue. It is an unsubdued evil, full of deadly poison. With it we praise the Lord and Father, and with the same tongue we cuss out our fellow men who are made in the image of God. From the same mouth comes a prayer and a curse. Such a thing my brothers, should never be."

Tie what was just said together with **Proverbs 18:20-21** and picture in your mind for a moment the war of words which takes place in the realm of the spirit on a continual basis. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue..." is how the first part of **verse 21** reads in **Proverbs 18**. **The tongue holds the key to life and death.** By the words of your mouth you will license one or the other to operate in your affairs.

The law of words which governs this planet through the God-given right and authority to speak words of your own choosing operates for every man, woman and child on the face of this planet. **Everything that takes place in this earth must be brought into existence through the avenue of the spoken word.** God, the devil and you, as well as, everyone else must function by that process. God set this planet up that way and it has not changed since the day He created it. In fact, that's how He created it!

Having said all of this, I want to add one more thing for your consideration. Death is weaker than life. Life will always overcome death. Death can only hold power if life is not enforced. Once life begins to be applied, death has to give way.

Satan has to work hard to get his purposes accomplished in the earth for the very reason just described. He has to flood this environment with spiritual bilge and garbage through the mouths of ungodly people who will speak what he needs spoken to create his destructive plans. Jesus said in **John 10:10** that Satan comes for the purpose of killing, stealing and destroying. He can't do that apart from the word system already in force in this earth any more than God can just come in to the earth and save and heal everybody apart from the law of words which he put in to force here.

**2 Thessalonians 2:7** from the Amplified Bible says, "For the mystery of lawlessness-that hidden principle of rebellion against constituted authority-is already at work in the world, [but it is] restrained only until he who restrains is taken out of the way." The Body of Christ is the restrainer! We are not only restraining the devil from unveiling the anti-christ, but we are restraining all aspects of Satan's operation, as well.

Life, the life of God which is pouring into this earth's environment by the anointed words being spoken by God's very own people is keeping the devil held at bay! **If every believer were to begin to speak the Word of God on a more consistent basis, very little of the devil's plans could come to fruition.**

God's power would be flowing at a much greater measure only if His people would release Him to work at that greater level in their own lives by speaking His Word on a steady basis. Words of faith and words of love are the key to releasing the burden-moving, yoke-destroying, power of God; the anointing of God that produces the results.