

## *Speak the Truth in Love*

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Dear Friend and Partner,

Isaiah 53:4,5: **Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.**

Matthew 8:17: **That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.**

1 Peter 2:24: **Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.**

Not only do these verses of scripture reveal that Jesus took our sins when He went to the cross, but that He also bore our sicknesses and diseases. So, if you've got good health, you want to keep it. If you've lost your health, you want to go get it with God's Word, and Proverbs 4:20-22 tells us how to do it: **My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.**

Read healing scriptures every day, and throughout the day, quote them to yourself. Your body is going to need you to keep speaking God's Word to it.

### *The Importance of Your Words...*

And then, after you make a practice of saying what God's Word says about your body, start listening to what **you** have been saying about yourself.

James 1:26: **If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.**

James 3:6: **And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.**

Your words can defile (contaminate) your body. Your words can hurt your body. Actually, your body is going to go the way of your mouth. Your body cannot defend itself against Satan's attacks. Speaking the Word of God to your body (*and to the devil, as well as thoughts that come to your mind of doubt, fear, unbelief and worry*) is going to help your body immensely.

Jesus said in Mark 11:22,23: **Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.**

What we're doing with God's Word is developing our faith in God. As a believer, you want to watch what you say about your body. Jesus said in Matthew 15:16-18: **And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding? Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.**

Matthew 12:36,37: **But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.**

So, according to Jesus, it's not what goes in your mouth that defiles your body; it's the words that come out of your mouth that defile your body. Many Christians believe that they can say anything they want to say, and it's ok. But actually, if Jesus is your Lord, He's also to be Lord over your mouth.

According to Psalm 12:4: **Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us?** So, we have a choice. We can be the lord over our mouth, or we can let Jesus be Lord over our mouth.

As a believer, you never want to damage your believing. And the worst thing you can do to yourself is to lie. The number one reason why Mark 11:23 didn't work for a Christian when they spoke to a mountain or problem, and it didn't remove or leave, was usually because they never developed faith in their own words.

When a believer lies, it damages their faith, because they don't believe in their words. I've never seen anything that damages people's faith more than lying does. Although we've all done it, that is no reason to do it.

Telling the truth is very hard on the flesh. It's like cutting off a hand or plucking out an eye, because we're taught to lie to protect people's feelings. In fact, most Christians believe it's ok to lie to keep from hurting someone else's feelings because they think telling them the truth would hurt them.

You'll hear people say, "Well, don't tell them the truth; they won't be able to handle it." That means you don't have any faith in God to work the situation out. All the promises of God are true *without even one* exception. But to get them to manifest, you have to believe, and you cannot believe when you lie.

So this is another area we need to watch what we're saying. **We need to confess the truth of God's Word over our bodies, and we need to refrain from lying.**

We all need Mark 11:23 to work for us. It is designed to work for us. There are so many believers today who don't like teachings on confession. Well, Satan is not going to want you to confess God's Word, and you can be sure of that right away. He'll put pressure on you to lie because he's a liar. Jesus said so in John 8:44: **Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.**

We're to treat God's Word the same way we would treat God or Jesus. We respect, honor and esteem it above everything else. And, when we are told what to do from God's Word, there are no options. We don't need to think about it, we just need to do it.

Divine healing scriptures work, because all of God's promises are full of power. **For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** Hebrews 4:12

The most critical decision you have to make as a believer is to speak the truth; don't lie about anything, and you'll notice a big difference in your believing and getting results with God's Word.

But you can't believe God's Word for healing or for anything else if you confuse your own heart by lying. Faith can't work in a deceived heart, and if you're not controlling your own tongue, you are deceiving your heart, and your heart is confused. Little children get confused when they find out their parents lied to them. They cannot comprehend it.

Proverbs 4:23,24: **Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.**

Ephesians 4:15: **But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:**

Keep your heart innocent, pure and clean. Watch what you say, speak the truth in love, and enjoy the benefits that are in God's promises!

God bless,

Your Word of faith pastor,

*Pastor Jesse Rich*

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