Matthew 8:8: The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: BUT SPEAK THE WORD ONLY, and my servant shall be healed.

As believers, we can all learn from the centurion when he said those four words, **Speak the Word only.** We hinder God from working in our lives when we speak negative things or talk contrary to what the Word of God says about us. Jesus said in Mark 11:23, 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 say eventually comes to pass. Until a person gets the revelation from the Word of God that they have what they say, their mouth will be their biggest enemy. When people talk sickness and disease, and about how old they are getting, and how they can't do what they used to do, they do not realize that they're binding themselves up with the words of their mouths.

Jesus said in Matthew 12:37, For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned, and in Proverbs 6:2, Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.

When you hear people say they can't remember like they used to, or they can't do the things they once did before, they don't realize that they're talking the curse. They're allowing their own words to defeat them and bring them into bondage. Even though Abraham was in his 90s (and so was Sarah, his wife), he refused to say anything other than what God had said about him. He called those things that be not as though they were. That even though his and Sara’s bodies were old, and they couldn't produce like they once could before, he refused confess that.
On the contrary, he confessed what God said about him and he still believed God. For, as we read in Romans 4:17-21, (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

We limit ourselves when we talk the circumstances and situations instead of speaking the Word. God gave us His Word to stand upon to believe and to use to remove the mountains in our lives, and to change the circumstances in our lives to our favor. We need to be very careful about what we say. We should never talk or confess sickness and disease, or talk or confess poverty and lack, or cry about how things are so expensive, or complain about how high prices are, because all that does is give Satan a way into our lives.

We should take God’s Word and speak it to our problems and circumstances, and continually, day and night, claim our inheritance in Christ Jesus. For Jesus suffered and took our punishment and the curse of the law when He went to the cross, so we could be free from the curse of the broken law.

When I first found out about Mark 11:23, it was a few days before I wanted to say anything. I began to realize those things I had been confessing over the years were coming to pass and beginning to destroy my life. So I made a decision that I would never talk sickness, disease, poverty, or lack. I was going to change what I'd been confessing. So, instead of saying how sick I was, I would just say, "Christ has redeemed me from the curse of the law and I refuse sickness and disease, in Jesus' Name."

When it came to my personal finances, I’d just say, "Jesus came that I might have life and have it more abundantly; God wishes above all things that I prosper and Jesus became poor that I, through His poverty, might be rich; and my God supplies all of my need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." I confessed those things so much that people went to my own mother and said, "You need to talk to Jesse. I happen to know that he doesn't have any groceries or money,
and when you ask if he needs anything, all he says is, My God supplies all of my need. He's listened to those faith tapes so much that they've gone to his head."

Well, they not only went to my head and renewed my mind to God's Word, but they also got into my heart and filled it full of faith. I knew those dear people didn't understand what I was doing, but I also knew that it was very important not to compromise my confession of faith. And I'm glad that I didn't, because as time goes by, we eventually have what we say. You can't make others change their confession, but you can make sure that you change yours into a confession of faith, based on God's Word. And if you stay with it, the mountains will move and the blessings will manifest and you'll enjoy your divine health and prosperity that you've received from God in Christ Jesus through your confession of faith.

So, the next time you talk, do what the centurion did: speak the Word only. For it was after he said that, that Jesus said, I have not seen so great faith. For even Abraham applied a confession of faith to a dead body and God produced a miracle baby. With your confession of faith based on the Word of God, God can take something dead and bring it to life. So, speak to your finances and call them blessed; speak to your checking account and call it a prosperous; speak to your body, and call it healthy and confess that you've got the mind of Christ and that you can do all things to Christ, Who gives you the strength.

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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