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The Tongue -Positive and Negative Power

- 1. Most people speak about the faith-building aspect of the spoken word, but I am going to reveal something different to you the destructive power of our tongue and how it affects our lives and the lives of others.
- 2. Spoken Word, positive and negative power
 - a. Do you use positive or negative power? Your words can bring either life or death (blessings or curses)

"He who conceals his hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander is a fool. When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise. The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value. The lips of the righteous nourish many, but fools die for lack of judgment." Proverbs 10: 18-21

- b. Are you bearing good or bad fruit? Are the relationships with your family and friends healthy? Do you walk in peace and joy? But most of all is God's love the center of our lives? Does it flow from God through you to everyone around you?
 - i. Carefully consider how you start off each day for an example.
 - ii. Are there arguments, caustic remarks, biting and stinging words spoken at one another or do you bless each of your family members and speak positively to them? Such as "You are going to have a wonderful day at school or work. I will be praying for you. I pray that God will give you His peace. You are going to do great in all your classes and pass that test."
 - iii. By speaking positive and edifying words, we confirm the word of God in our lives and in others.

"With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be (James 3:9-10)

c. Are we a product of the words spoken to us during our lifetime?

i. Self-fulfilling prophecies:

Negative word from others: parents, friends etc.

- a. Math is going to be as difficult for you as it was for me. You will never amount to anything. You are not attractive or pretty.
- b. The list goes on. Has this happened to anyone of you?

"Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing" Proverbs 12:18

- ii. Internalize the destructive words —Satan has gained a foothold in your life by establishing a seedbed of lies. A word curse was placed on your life. You begin to believe the lies and your negative actions will follow.
- 3. Witchcraft is jealousy, envy, strife, and gossip.

Gossip and murder are very similar. They can cause destruction and even death. Murder is the actual killing of a person. Gossip is killing a person's reputation. They are both sins and in God's eyes they are the same. Years ago, I was driving to South Texas, and I was taking someone with me who was going to a city that was along my route. I was going to drop her off. We started off laughing and having a good time. But somewhere during our conversation, it turned into gossiping. Suddenly, I felt a weight or burden on my shoulders that was unbearable. I had grieved the Holy Spirit because I gossiped. I stopped the car and began to weep. I felt the HS weeping because of my sin. I asked for forgiveness for days before the weight or burden finally lifted. Believe me, I do not gossip. If I think I may have crossed the line and ventured into the sin of gossiping, I ask immediately for Him to forgive me. I take no chances because I never want to grieve the HS again.

Other examples of negative power through your tongue are:

- a. Wrongful prayers prayers that try to control and manipulate someone according to another's fleshly desires, and they are an abomination to God. Slander, gossip and wrongful prayers are word curses.
- b. This is an example of a word curse placed on me. Many years ago, I was cleaning our home and I bent down to pick something off the floor. A knife went into my back. I know it happened in the spiritual realm, but it felt like it happened in the natural realm. I screamed and called my

husband to help me pray. I asked the Lord, "What is this?" He said someone has just slandered you. I began to break the word curse and tried to pull it out in the natural. Someone had either slandered, gossiped, or placed a word curse on me. It took days for me to fully recover. The tissues around the area where the knife was placed were actually sore.

This probably will not happen to you. It happened to me because being in ministry the Lord uses all means to explain and show me how spiritual matters work.

"Your tongue plots destruction; it is like a sharpened razor, you who practice deceit. You love evil rather than good, falsehood rather than speaking the Truth. You love every harmful word; O, you, deceitful tongue." Psalm 52

- c. In the deliverance ministry, the Lord often reveals that word curses have been placed on an individual and as result it was causing their current negative circumstances. As soon as the curses are broken, we see immediate improvement. Contingent upon the cursed individual to forgive.
- d. We find that "word curses/assignments" often physically attack the back area and cause pain. Maybe that is where the phrase "back stabber" comes from. Pain can come to other areas of your body. Sometimes, I will suddenly feel a sharp pain in my knee or arm. It can happen any place in your body. I immediately deal with it and tell it to go in the name of Jesus. Believe me, I am firm when I pray.
- 4. Be aware of Satan's traps. He puts negative thoughts about someone in your mind just so you will speak curses on another.
- 5. If you have heard someone speak negatively about you, break the curse by praying:
 - a. By the authority and power given to me by the holy name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I command this word curse/assignment, spirits of jealousy, envy, strife, or witchcraft to be broken and shattered. I send blessings and conviction to the originator of the word curse, and for the Lord to put a guard and watch on that person's mouth and tongue. I declare and decree that it is done.

"When we are cursed, we bless, when we are persecuted, we endure it, when we are slandered, we answer kindly" 1 Corinthians 4:12-13

b. It is important to immediately break the curse, so you will not internalize.

c. Forgive those who have harmed us. Do not let a root of bitterness develop.

"Get rid of all bitterness, rage and answer, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you. Ephesians 4:31-32

You now know the negative side of speaking words.

- 6. Remember the battleground between light and darkness is in the mind. So, what will you choose, the positive or negative power?
 - a. After choosing the positive force in your life, you are one step closer to setting yourself free and others free from "word curses" or the destructions that comes from your tongue.

"For, whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech." 1 Peter 3:10

"...for out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that men will have to give account on the Day of Judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned." (Matthew 12:34-27).

PRAYER:

Lord, I ask that everyone who read my words have ears to hear and eyes to see spiritual truths. Lord, I ask that your words penetrate your children's innermost beings so that their words are always positive and edifying and glorifying you.

Lord, I ask that your children always speak blessings over themselves and others; and that they will see with spiritual eyes your mighty hand working in their lives. Lord, I ask that everyone will have repentant and forgiving hearts.

In Jesus Name, I pray. Amen.