**Power of Words (sjm 10-6-2024)**

**We have been discussing the Miraculous power of God (Expecting Miracles) How they going to happen!**

**1 Thes 4:23** Man is a spirit has a soul & lives in a body

 God then allowed our reborn spirits to house his spirit or the holy Spirit

 We are designed for greatness as created in his image

 (Holy spirit spoke to my spirit – there is no part of the H/S in you that is a loser!)

**There are Three possibilities with Man**

1. **Moving Forward (fulfilling divine destiny) & positively assisting others**
2. **Stary Neutral (Mediocrity) -**
3. **Going Backwards (backsliding)  & negatively affecting others**

**Prov 18:21** Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it *and* indulge it will eat its fruit *and* bear the consequences of their words.

**God Gave us Power to Fulfill Divine Destiny**

**Prov 8:12** I wisdom dwell with prudence (clever) & find out knowledge of witty inventions.

**Gen 32:13** He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock & suck honey from the rock and oil from the flinty rock

**Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven & the earth**

 Create is the Hebrew word **bara** = To be created; can refers to creating something from nothing

 As well as to reforming existing materials, like creating a clean heart **Ps 51:10**

**Rom 4:17** 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.

 **Quickeneth** – means to give or provide life

**Calls into being** that which does not exist

**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.

 **First say –** more of a command

 **Second say –** more of to have spoken it

**Many people fall into the the Second Category: In Neutral or Mediocrity**

They just can’t image it, or believe it so they will not speak it out

 Nothing until you make the call (umpire)

**Eph 3:20** Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

**Going Backwards**

**Prov 6:2** Thou art **snared** with the words of thy mouth, thou art **taken** with the words of thy mouth.

 **Snared** (a trapping device) **Taken** (to be captured)

 **Ampld =** you have trapped yourself by your agreement and are caught by what you said--

 **Jesus used words like a Mechanic used tools**

**Matt 12:34** O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

 35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

 **Evil** – negative, wicked and even demon possessed

 36 But I say unto you, That every idle (inactive-useless) (to move lazily and without purpose) word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the Day of Judgment.

 37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, (to demonstrate sufficient legal reason for an action taken) and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

*You do not have to speak everything on your mind or share your opinion each time:*

***Prov 18:21******CEV*** *“ Words can bring death or life! Talk too much, and you will eat everything you say”*

*You do not have to be God’s police & go around correction people all the time*

**Prov 4:24** Put away from thee a **froward** mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

 **Froward** - a mouth that is difficult to control and speaks without regard for what is right or wrong. The term is used in the Bible to describe a mouth that is disobedient, stubborn, and contrary. The Bible also describes the speech of a froward person as crooked, evil, twisted, and deceitful.

**Prov 21:23** Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles***. (adversities)***

**Prov 15:4** A soothing tongue [speaking words that build up and encourage] is a tree of life, But a perversive tongue [speaking words that overwhelm and depress] crushes the spirit.

**Prov 10:11** The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life *and* his words of wisdom are a source of blessing, But the mouth of the wicked conceals violence *and* evil.

 **Conceals -** Buried inside

**Prov 13:3** The one who guards his mouth [thinking before he speaks] protects his life; The one who opens his lips wide [and chatters without thinking] comes to ruin.

**Prov 19:4 CEV -** Troublemakers listen to troublemakers, and liars listen to liars.

**Prov 18:7** The mouths of fools are their undoing & their lips are a snare to their very lives.

 **8** The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to the inmost parts.

 Gossip – grumbling & complaining

**As we come to communion** - Maybe time to reflect on what you are currently saying & to make some changes in your life with God’s help

Charles Capps - bible – my people can have what they say. Capps – they are walking in what they say

**Heb 10:23** Let us hold fast the **profession of our faith** without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

**Rev 12:11** And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word **of their testimony**;

**Rom 10:8** But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

**Heb 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.**

**A profession of faith is a public declaration of one's religious beliefs, often made when entering a religious order or church. It can also refer to faith that is the subject of the declaration.**

 **Declaring – the act of making something known**