

The Power of Words

Proverbs 18:21 - *Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it shall eat the fruit of it.*

1. Introduction

Dr. Masaru Emoto in Japan exposed water to words, picture, music, video, and then crystallise it. The results are amazing – the shape of the Chrystal is consistent with the words that the water has been spoken into.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tAvzsjcBtx8>

60% of our body was made of water. Imagine what happen every time we say curse in our everyday life:

Life-coach has used the same clip to motivate people but they use the power of words to make people reach out to their **personal target/achievement**. The bible teaches us to use the power of words to be able to fulfil **God's purposes in our life**.

2. Our Words determine the direction of our life

James 3: 4 Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.**5** Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.

Israelites perished in the desert because of their words

Numbers 14:2 Their voices rose in a great chorus of complaint against Moses and Aaron. "We wish we had died in Egypt, or even here in the wilderness!" they wailed. **5** Then Moses and Aaron fell face down in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. **6** Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes

Moses, Aaron, Joshua and Caleb understood the CONSEQUENCES of words – thus they tore their clothes to ask for God's forgiveness over the nations.

3. The power of God's word

A. The entire universe was formed through them.

Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26

B. God never does anything until He first says it!

John 11:11-13 - Jesus called the dead living....then Lazarus lived!

After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."

Mark 4:35, 37-39

Mark 4:37 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.
39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

4. The Power of Our Word

God gave us His power so that our words contain power and authority

God closed the heavens and stopped the rain according to Elijah's word.

1 Kings 17:1 Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

God healed the bitter water according the Elisha's word.

2 Kings 2:21 Then he went out to the spring and threw the salt into it, saying, "This is what the LORD says: 'I have healed this water. Never again will it cause death or make the land unproductive.'" **:22** And the water has remained wholesome to this day, according to the word Elisha had spoken.

5. Maximising the 'power of words'

WORD + FAITH + WILL OF GOD + PRACTICE

5.1 It starts from the Word of God

Let the word of God speaks relevance to your life. That's why daily bible reading is essential

For example:

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope

5.2 Faith

Matthew 21:21 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done.

Rm. 10:17 Faith, you see, can only come from hearing the message, and the message is the word of Christ

Your faith grows stronger through hearing the Word of God – and the Word of God becomes stronger through your faith.

5.3 According to God's will

John 15:7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

It's not that we can ask ANYTHING, but If the word of God remains in us, **what we ask will be aligned to God's will.**

5.4 Practice

Matthew 7:24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. **:25** The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. **26** But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

James 2:17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

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