

## Words Matter

(Pr 18:20-21) <sup>20</sup>A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth; from the produce of his lips he shall be filled. <sup>21</sup>Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Our Words produce Fruit that effects our livelihood. (natural? spiritual?)

Our Words produce the Fruit of Life and Death.

Words have the Power to Create (Gen 1 - "God said...")

Words + Belief = Reality (atmosphere, emotions, mindsets, actions, culture, empire)

What if the Words aren't Truth?

consider: advertising, entertainment, media, parenting, influence

The Kingdom of Heaven has a Court we can Appeal to by Faith to Establish Reality on Earth.

(Rev 12:10-11) <sup>10</sup>Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. <sup>11</sup>"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Accuser (Job 1:6) must be Defeated with Words. (Amos 3:3)

What you say can be used against you in the Court of Heaven. (ex: Mt 18:34-35)

Rescind your verbal testimony formally.

We have been made Officers of the Court of Heaven. (Lk 10:18-19)

(Review: extending His Justice into the earth) overcome the accuser

We can issue Restraining Orders.

We can issue Cease and Desist Orders.

But our Words establish the Standard we will be Judged by.

(Mt 12:36-37) <sup>36</sup>"But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. <sup>37</sup>For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

We can be Witnesses for the Defense or the Prosecution.

(Ro 11:2-4) <sup>2</sup>God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying,

<sup>3</sup>"LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life"? <sup>4</sup>But what does the divine response say to him? "I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." (1 Ki 19)

We can be negative, quick to cast away people God may not have.

(Eph 5:18-19) <sup>18</sup>And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

(Col 3:16) <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Get Full of His Word and His Spirit, Speak Words of Life (Phil 2:16) over yourself and others.