

Spiritual Warfare: Words Matter

Review: Agreement (Amos 3:3) – Mind (2 Cor 10:3-5)

Offence: Advance Kingdom (Mt 11:12) = destroy devil's works (1 Jn 3:8)

Sword of the Spirit: Word of God (Eph 6:17)

Primary Weapon – Truth (Jn 17:17, Jn 8:44)

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

All Words Produce Fruit – Life and Death

God's Words Produce Life (Heb 4:12 – Living, Powerful)

(Mt 12:33-37) ³³“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. ³⁴“Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. ³⁶“But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. ³⁷“For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

we are Known by our Fruit (Mt 7:15-20) – Words

our Speech Reveals our Heart (Renewed Mind – Rom 12:2)

we are Judged by our Words in the Court of Heaven

(Rev 12:10-11) ¹⁰Then 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. ¹¹“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.

Court of Heaven: Righteous Judge, Accuser, Advocate (1 Jn 2:1)/Mediator (1 Tim 2:5)

Anything we Say can be Used Against Us – “Word of our Testimony”

we can be Witnesses for either side (Elijah Rom 11:2-4/1 Ki 19 wrote off, God hadn't)

Judgement circumvents Mercy (Mt 7:1-2, Jam 2:13)

we can Initiate an Appeal for Justice

Persistent Prayer (Lk 18:1-8 courtroom justice context)

we Advance His Kingdom/Destroy devil's works through Application of His Word

Rev 12:11 – Jesus (knowledge of), Application of Word, Holiness (Mt 16:24-25)

Going on Offence -Assaulting the “gates of hell”

(Mt 16:18-19) ¹⁸“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹“And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Rock = Knowledge of Christ, Keys that Bind and Loose? (Word)

(2Pe 1:3-4) ³as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Persistent Prayer and Persistent Application of the Word (Declaration)

(Isa 55:8-11) ⁸“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. ⁹“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Application of His Word Renews our Mind (His Thoughts)

His Word Always Accomplishes (Fruit) Over Time (Jer 23:29)

We Rule our Emotions (Prov 25:28) with His Word (angry youth story)

(Jas 4:7-8) ⁷Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Word works against devils (Mt 4:1-11) and our flesh

but we have to Choose Agreement/Challenge (Mind Battlefield)

(Jas 1:5-8) ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

God will give us Wisdom from Above (Jam 3:13-17 renewed mind)

if we go all in on Applying His Word

Jesus mouth - Sword (Rev 1:16, 2:16, 19:15, 19:21)

we have to have His Word in our Mouths