



THE POWER OF WORDS WORKBOOK

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HOW GOD REGARDS YOUR WORDS

"Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, **as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you.**" (Numbers 14:28)

"Behold, I have done **according to thy words:**" (1 Kings 3:12)

GOD'S COMPLAINT REGARDING YOUR WORDS

"How long wilt thou speak these things? and how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind?" (Job 8:2)

"Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what do thy eyes wink at, That thou turnest thy spirit against God, and **lettest such words go out of thy mouth?**" (Job 15:12-13)

"Thou **givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.**" (Psalm 50:19)

"Thy **tongue deviseth mischiefs**; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah. Thou lovest **all devouring words**, O thou **deceitful tongue.**" (Psalm 52:2-4)

"For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; **your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.**" (Isaiah 59:3)

"Behold, **ye trust in lying words that cannot profit.**" (Jeremiah 7:8)

"Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that **use their tongues**, and say, **He saith.**" (Jeremiah 23:31)

"Thus with your mouth ye have **boasted against me**, and have **multiplied your words against me: I have heard them.**" (Ezekiel 35:13)

"For the priest's lips should keep knowledge...but ye are departed out of the way; ye have **caused many to stumble at the law...**" (Malachi 2:7-8)

"...**Ye have wearied the LORD with your words.** Yet ye say, wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, **Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or Where is the God of judgement?**" (Malachi 2:17)

"**Your words have been stout against me**, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee? Ye have said, **It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance**, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the proud happy; yea, **they that work wickedness are set up; yea they that tempt God are even delivered.** (Malachi 3;13-15)

"This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but **their heart is far from me.**" (Matthew 15:8)

"Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; **for thou that judgest doest the same things.** But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. **And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?"** (Romans 2:1-3)

THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR WORDS

WORDS DEVOUR YOU

"...how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a **strong wind**?" (Job 8:2)

"...If a man speak, surely **he shall be swallowed up.**" (Job 37:20)

"For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips **let them even be taken in their pride**: and for cursing and lying which they speak." (Psalms 59:12)

"The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will **swallow up himself**. The beginning of the words of his mouth is **foolishness**: and the end of his talk is **mischievous madness**. A fool also is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him?" (Ecclesiastes 10:12-14)

WORDS DEVOUR OTHERS

"For the vile person will speak villainy, and his heart will work iniquity, to **practice hypocrisy**, and to utter error against the LORD, to **make empty the soul of the hungry**, and he will cause the **drink of the thirsty to fail**. The instruments also of the churl are evil: he deviseth wicked devices to **destroy the poor** with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right." (Isaiah 32:6-7)

"For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who **subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.** (Titus 1:11)

WORDS BIND YOU

"Thou art **snared** with the words of thy mouth, thou art **taken** with the words of thy mouth". (Proverbs 6:2)

"...for every man's word shall **be his burden.**" (Jeremiah 23:36)

"But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and **their words unto the ends of the world.**" (Romans 10:18)

DIVINE JUDGEMENT CONCERNING WORDS

"They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak. **The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things: Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us?**" (Psalm 12:2-4)

"For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips **let them even be taken in their pride:** and for cursing and lying which they speak." (Psalm 59:12)

"But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped." (Psalm 63:11)

"The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out." (Proverbs 10:31)

"The **wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips:** but the just shall come out of trouble." (Proverbs 12:13)

"A **wicked doer giveth heed to false lips;** and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue." (Proverbs 17:4)

"A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled." (Proverbs 18:20)

"The mouth of strange women is a deep pit: **he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.**" (Proverbs 22:14)

"For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory." (Isaiah 3:8)

"And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him; **but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.**" (Luke 12:10)

"And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not." (2 Peter 2:3)

THE POTENCY OF WORDS

WORDS CREATE

"And God said, **Let there be...**" (Genesis 1)

"Death and **life** are in the power of the tongue, and they that love it shall **eat the fruit thereof.**" (Proverbs 18:21)

"**I create the fruit of the lips**; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him." (Isaiah 57:19)

"(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he (Abraham) believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and **calleth those things which be not as though they were.**" (Romans 4:17)

WORDS DESTROY

"How long will ye **vex my soul**, and **break me in pieces** with words?" (Job 19:2)

"Thou lovest all **devouring words**, O though deceitful tongue." (Psalm 52:4)

"An hypocrite with his mouth **destroyeth his neighbor.**" (Proverbs 11:9)

"...he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction." (Proverbs 13:3)

"A fool's mouth is his **destruction**, and his lips are the snare of his soul." (Proverbs 18:7)

"**Death** and life are in the power of the tongue, and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." (Proverbs 18:21)

"A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth **worketh ruin.**" (Proverbs 26:28)

"...I have **slain them** by the words of my mouth:" (Hosea 6:5)

WORDS ESTABLISH

"...at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, **shall the matter be established.**" (Deuteronomy 19:15)

"And he said unto him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honorable man; **all that he saith cometh surely to pass:**" (1 Samuel 9:6)

"The lip of truth will be **established for ever**: but a lying tongue is but for a moment." (Proverbs 12:19)

WORDS CONDEMN

"And David said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head; **for thy mouth hath testified against thee**, saying, I have slain the LORD'S anointed." (2 Samuel 1:16)

"If I justify myself, **mine own mouth shall condemn me**: if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse." (Job 9:20)

"For **thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity**, and thou chooseth the tongue of the crafty. **Thine own mouth condemneth thee**, and not I: yea, **thine own lips testify against thee.**" (Job 15:6)

"But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, **they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment**. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be **condemned.**" (Matthew 12:36-37)

"Out of thine own mouth will I (Jesus) **judge thee...**" (Luke 19:22)

WORDS DEFILE

"Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, **this defileth a man**". (Matthew 15:11)

"And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, **that it defileth the whole body**, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell." (James 3:6)

WORDS REVEAL

"For thy mouth **uttereth thine iniquity...**" (Job 15:5)

"He that goeth about as a talebearer **revealeth secrets**: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips." (Psalms 20:19)

"...for out of the **abundance of the heart** the mouth speaketh." (Matthew 12:34)

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We **speak that we do know**, and **testify that we have seen.**" (John 3:11)

"He that speaketh of himself **seeketh his own glory:**" (John 7:18)

"When he (the devil) speaketh a lie, **he speaketh of his own:**" (John 8:44)

"We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I **believed**, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;" (2 Corinthians 4:13)

WORDS RELEASE

"...and whatsoever ye shall **loose on earth** shall be **loosed in heaven.**" (Matthew 18:18)

WORDS ENTANGLE

"Thou art **snared** with the words of thy mouth, thou art **taken** with the words of thy mouth". (Proverbs 6:2)

"A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the **snare of his soul**." (Proverbs 18:7)

"Verily I say unto you Whatsoever ye shall **bind on earth** shall be **bound in heaven**;" (Matthew 18:18)

WORDS PERFORM

"Ask, and it shall be given..." (Matthew 7:7)

"For verily I (Jesus) 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**." (Mark 12:23)

WORDS INJURE

"There is that speakech like the **piercings of a sword**." (Proverbs 12:18)

"The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly." (Proverbs 26:22)

WORDS HEAL

"A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!" (Psalms 15:23)

"My son attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life to those that find them, and **health to all their flesh**." (Proverbs 4:20-22)

"The mouth of a righteous man is a **well of life**: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked." (Proverbs 10:11)

"...but the tongue of the wise is **health**." (Proverbs 12:18)

"A wholesome tongue is a **tree of life**..." (Proverbs 15:4)

"Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and **health to the bones**." (Proverbs 16:24)

"A word fitly spoken is like **apples of gold in pictures of silver**." (Proverbs 25:11)

"When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and **he cast out the spirits with his word**, and **healed all that were sick**." (Matthew 8:16)

"Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and **my servant shall be healed**." (Luke 7:7)

WORDS REWARD

"The tongue of the just is as **choice silver**:" (Proverbs 10:20)

"The mouth of the just **bringeth forth wisdom**:" (Proverbs 10:31)

WORDS FEED

"I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my **necessary food**." (Job 23:12)


"The lips of the righteous **feed many**..." (Proverbs 10:21)

WORDS SUPPORT

"Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast strengthened the weak hands. Thy **words have upholden him that was falling**, and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees. But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest: it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled." (Job 4:3-5)

WORDS CONQUER

"And they **overcame him** by the blood of the Lamb, and **by the word of their testimony**;" (Revelation 12:11)



GOD'S WORD

GOD'S WORD IS POWER

"For the word of God is quick, and **powerful...**" (Hebrews 4:12)

"Where the word of a king is there is **power:**" (Ecclesiastes 8:4)

"And they astonished at his doctrine: for His word was with **power.**" (Luke 4:32)

GOD'S WORD IS LIFE

"...the words that I speak unto you, they are **spirit**, and they are **life.**" (John 6:63)

GOD'S WORD IS LIGHT

"Thy word is a **lamp unto my feet**, and a **light unto my path.**" (Psalms 119:105)

"The **entrance of thy words giveth light**; it giveth understanding unto the simple." (Psalms 119:130)

GOD'S WORD IS FOOD

"...that he might make thee know that man doth not live by **bread only**, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live." (Deuteronomy 8:3)

"Thy words were found, and I did **eat them...**" (Jeremiah 15:16)

"Give us this day our **daily bread...**" (Matthew 6:11)

GOD'S WORD IS PURE

"The words of the LORD are **pure words**: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times." (Psalms 12:6)

"Thy word is **very pure**: therefore thy servant loveth it." (Psalms 119:40)

"Every word of God is **pure**, he is a **shield** unto them that put their trust in him." (Proverbs 30:5)

GOD'S WORD IS TRUTH

"Thy word is **true from the beginning**: and every one of thy righteous judgements endureth for ever." (Psalms 119:160)

"Sanctify them thy truth: thy word is **truth.**" (John 17:17)

GOD'S WORD IS LIKE FIRE

"Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, **I will make my words in thy mouth fire**, and this people wood, and it shall devour them." (Jeremiah 5:14)

"...but His word was in mine heart as a **burning fire** shut up in my bones..." (Jeremiah 20:9)

"Is not my word like as a **fire**? saith the LORD;" (Jeremiah 23:29)

GOD'S WORD IS LIKE A HAMMER

"Is not my word ...like a **hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces**?" (Jeremiah 23:29)

GOD'S WORD IS ETERNAL

"Heaven and earth shall pass away: **but my words shall not pass away.**" (Mark 13:31)

GOD'S WORD IS A SEED

"The **seed** is the Word of God" (Luke 8:11)

GOD'S WORD IS SPIRIT

"...the words that I speak unto you, they are **spirit**..." (John 6:63)

GOD'S WORD IS THE BEGINNING

"In the **beginning was The Word**, and the Word was with God, and the **Word was God**." (John 1:1)

GOD'S WORD PROTECTS

"Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have **kept me from the paths of the destroyer.**" (Psalms 17:4)

GOD'S WORD PERFORMS

"For He spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast." (Psalms 33:9)

"The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and **as I have purposed, so shall it stand.**" (Isaiah 14:24)

"Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, **and will not call back his words**: but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of them that work iniquity. (Isaiah 31:2)

"Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also **bring it to pass**; I have purposed it, I will also **do it.**" (Isaiah 46:11)

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall **accomplish that which I please**, and it shall **prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**" (Isaiah 55:11)


"For ever, O LORD, **thy word is settled in heaven.**" (Psalms 119:89)

GOD'S WORD CLEANSSES

"Now ye are **clean** through the word which I have spoken to you." (John 15:3)

GOD'S WORD UPHOLDS

"Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and **upholding all things by the word of his power**..." (Hebrews 1:3)



THE BENEFITS OF "SHUTTING YOUR MOUTH"

WISDOM

"...he that refraineth his lips is **wise**." (Proverbs 10:19)

"A fool uttereth all his mind, but **a wise man keepeth it in until afterwards**." (Proverbs 29:11)

"Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted **wise**." (Proverbs 17:28)

"...a time to keep silence, and a time to **speak**." (Ecclesiastes 3:7)

UNDERSTANDING

"Teach me, and I will hold my tongue, and cause me to **understand wherein I have erred**." (Job 6:24)

"...a **man of understanding** holdeth his peace." (Proverbs 11:12)

"...he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a **man of understanding**." (Proverbs 17:28)

KNOWLEDGE

"He that hath knowledge **spareth his words**:" (Proverbs 17:27)

PROTECTION

"The LORD shall **fight for you**, and ye shall hold your peace." (Exodus 14:14)

RESTRAINT

"**Set a watch**, O LORD, before my mouth: **keep the door of my lips**." (Psalms 141:3)

"If any man **offend not in word**, the same is a perfect man, and able also to **bridle the whole body**." (James 3:2)

SAFETY

"Concerning the words of men, by the word of thy lips **I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer**." (Psalm 17:4)

"Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue, **keepeth his soul from troubles**." (Proverbs 21:23)

"He that keepeth his mouth **keepeth his life**..." (Proverbs 13:3)

OBEDIENCE

"But they held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, **Answer him not.**" (Isaiah 36:21)

ENJOYMENT

"For he that will **love life** and see **good days**, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile." (1 Peter 3:10)

DIVINE INSTRUCTION REGARDING WORDS

GOD'S WORD

"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him." (Deuteronomy 18:19)

"Every word of God is pure: He is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. **Add thou not unto His words**, lest He reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." (Proverbs 30:5-6)

"The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD." (Jeremiah 23:28)

"...If a man **love me**, he will keep my words" (John 14:23)

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." (2 Timothy 4:2)

BOASTFUL WORDS

"**Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth**: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed." (1 Samuel 2:3)

"If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, **lay thine hand upon thy mouth**." (Proverbs 30:32)

"Let no man deceive you with **vain words**: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience." (Ephesians 5:6)

EVIL WORDS

"Keep thy tongue from **evil**, and thy lips from **speaking guile**." (Psalms 34:13)

"**Let not** an evil speaker be **established** in the earth:" (Psalms 140:11)

"Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee." (Proverbs 4:24)

"**Speak not evil one of another**, brethren." (James 4:11)

ACCUSING WORDS

"**Accuse not a servant unto his master**, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty." (Proverbs 30:10)

FLATTERING WORDS

"To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which **flattereth with her words**;" (Proverbs 2:16)

"That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which **flattereth with her words**." (Proverbs 7:5)

"He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore **meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips**." (Proverbs 20:19)

"He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that **flattereth with the tongue**." (Proverbs 28:23)

"A man that **flattereth his neighbour** spreadeth a net for his feet." (Proverbs 29:5)

"For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by **good words** and **fair speeches** deceive the hearts of the simple." (Romans 16:18)

IDLE WORDS

"A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer." (Proverbs 29:19)

"But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor **foolish talking**, nor **jesting**, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks." (Ephesians 5:4)

HASTY WORDS

"Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? **there is more hope of a fool than of him**." (Proverbs 29:20)

"**Be not rash with thy mouth**, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore **let thy words be few**." (Ecclesiastes 5:2)

SEDUCING WORDS

"My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding: That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge. **For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil**: But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell." (Proverbs 5:1-5)

KNOWING WHEN TO SPEAK WORDS

"**Speak not in the ears of a fool**: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words." (Proverbs 23:9)

"...a time to keep silence, and a **time to speak**;" (Ecclesiastes 3:7)

"Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: **keep the doors of thy mouth** from her that lieth in thy bosom." (Micah 7:5)

BINDING WORDS

"If a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; **he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.**" (Numbers 30:2)

"Build you cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and **do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth.**" (Numbers 32:24)

"**That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform;** even a freewill offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the LORD thy God, which thou hast **promised with thy mouth.**" (Deuteronomy 23:23)

"When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: **pay that which thou hast vowed.** Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. **Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin;** neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?" (Ecclesiastes 5:4-5)

DISCERNING WORDS

"Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou **perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.**" (Proverbs 14:7)

"Also, **take no heed unto all words that are spoken;** lest thou hear thy servant curse thee: for oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others." (Ecclesiastes 7:21-22)

PROFANE WORDS

"**Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth,** but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." (Ephesians 4:29)

"**But shun profane and vain babblings;** for they will increase unto more ungodliness." (2 Timothy 2:16)

"But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for **whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.**" (Matthew 5:37)

"But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, **filthy communication out of your mouth.**" (Colossians 3:8)

"Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and **cursing.** My brethren, these things ought not so to be." (James 3:10)

GOODLY WORDS

"Let your speech be **always with grace, seasoned with salt**, that ye may know how ye ought to **answer every man.**" (Colossians 4:6)

"**Hold fast the form of sound words**, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 1:13)

"If any man **offend not in word**, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body."
(James 3:2)

"If any man speaks, **let him speaks as the oracles of God;**" (1 Peter 4:11)

SOME BIBLICAL EXAMPLES...

"And it came to pass, when he (Jephthah) saw her (his daughter), that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have **opened my mouth** unto the LORD, and I cannot go back. And she said unto him, My father, if thou hast **opened thy mouth** unto the LORD, do to me according to that which hath **proceeded out of thy mouth;**" (Judges 11:35-36)

"And it came to pass, when she (Delilah) **pressed him (Samson) daily with her words**, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death;" (Judges 16:16)

"And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let **none of his words fall to the ground.**" (1 Samuel 3:19)

"Then the LORD put forth his hand and touched my (Jeremiah's) mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my **words** in thy **mouth**." (Jeremiah 1:9)

"They angered him (Moses) also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes: Because they provoked his spirit, so that he **spake unadvisedly with his lips**." (Psalm 106:32-33)

"Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might **entangle him (Jesus) in his talk**." (Matthew 22:15)

"And they send unto him certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians, to **catch him (Jesus) in his words**." (Mark 12:13)

"And behold, **thou (Zacharias) shalt be dumb, and not able to speak**, until the day that these things shall be performed, because **thou believest not my words**, which shall be fulfilled in their season... And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God." (Luke 1:20, 64)

"And as He (Jesus) said these things unto them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to urge him vehemently, and to **provoke him to speak of many things**: Laying wait for him, and seeking to **catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him.**" (Luke 11:53-54)

"And they (Pharisees) watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, **that they might take hold of his (Jesus) words**, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor...And they (Pharisees) could not **take hold of his (Jesus) words** before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace." (Luke 20:20,26)

"And they remembered his (Jesus) words," (Luke 24:8)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DELIVERANCE FROM IDLE, ENSNARED, OR HASTILY SPOKEN WORDS

1. Remove (through prayer, fasting, and action) any obstacles that are preventing your communication with the LORD

"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:" (Psalm 66:18)

"But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matthew 6:15)

Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth." (John 9:31)

"Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered." (1 Peter 3:7)

2. Pray, asking the Holy Spirit to bring to your remembrance words spoken that

- weakened God's ability
- weakened others
- empowered the devil
- maligned or spoke evil of or cursed others
- ensnared your personal growth
- brought reproach on the name of Christ
- questioned, doubted, or denied God's ability

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:" (Matthew 7:7)

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." (John 14:26)

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." (James 1:5)

3. Write down any occasion that the Holy Spirit brings to your remembrance

"And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel." (Exodus 34:27)

"Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever:" (Isaiah 30:8)

"Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book."

"And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it." (Habakkuk 2:2)

"And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful." (Revelation 21:5)

4. Verbally renounce (in the name of Jesus) each occasion listed and petition the LORD for deliverance

"Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue." (Psalm 120:2)

"Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you." (Jeremiah 26:13)

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

5. Anoint your tongue in the name of Jesus, asking Him to sanctify your tongue

"And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy." (Exodus 40:9)

"Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking." (Ruth 3:3)

6. Ask the LORD to teach you how to govern your tongue

"Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand wherein I have erred." (Job 6:24)

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer." (Psalms 19:14)

"Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips." (Psalm 141:3)

"The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned." (Isaiah 50:4)

"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." (Colossians 4:6)

7. Put into practice what you have been taught!

"Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great." (Luke 6:47-49)

"And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." (1 John 2:17)

"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." (1 John 3:18)