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The Words of Your Mouth

The Series

Turning Your Life Around for the Better

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Laying the Foundation

John 10:10 – “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am ***come that they might have life***, and that ***they might have it more abundantly***.”

(AMP) – “The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may ***have and enjoy life***, and ***have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)***.”

“***Abundantly***” – noun, not an adjective or adverb. It is substance!

THAD CALLAHAN: “You don’t want God to fill your bathtub...because He just doesn’t know when to stop.”

BELOVED: God sent His ONLY SON to this earth to give LIFE (zoe life) and ABUNDANCE (superabundant in quantity and superior in quality; excessive; superfluous).

You can argue with me...but the Word is the final authority.

God ABSOLUTELY wants His kids blessed with good stuff...in abundance. Spirit, soul and body!

NOW: There are a lot of arguments regarding this point...most of them revolve around the fact that God wants you to have abundance, but only in the spiritual context, not in the natural.

2 Peter 1:3,4

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

God supplied everything that pertains to LIFE and GODLINESS. The hear and now!

When the rich young ruler came to Jesus...

Mark 10:21 - One thing you lack...go give!

The rich young ruler walked away sad...but he didn’t stay for the end of the message.

Mark 10:28-30

28 Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.

29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,

30 But ***he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands***, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

Jesus was clear that HERE AND NOW was going to be INCREASED and BLESSED!

“Days of heaven on earth” (Deuteronomy 11:21)

“On earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10)

“As He IS so are we in the world” – (1 John 4:17)

NOW: This isn't the main part of this message...this is simply presenting the fact that God wants us blessed on this earth. Spirit, soul and body! Which includes our finances.

Many people will ask, **“Well, how much is too much.”**

I like **Bill Johnson's answer...**“However much takes your dependence off of God and on the money is too much.”

Other than that...no amount is too much! That is why generosity is so important.

BELOVED: The main reason that most people don't want to agree with the BLESSING OF GOD being a natural, financial blessing is because some people are suffering and they are born-again...they are lacking and they are Christians.

After all...if God provided natural blessing...we should get them no matter what...right?

UNDERSTAND: This is the mentality that messes with Christian living. I am saved...I am going to heaven, because of what Jesus did...so I can live how I want. **NOOOO!** You gotta walk it out.

THEY SAY: You don't have to go to church to go to heaven. Question, why don't you go to church? Got something better to do? Doesn't sound much like you are convinced about what God told you to do.

BELOVED: It is NOT UP to God how much you get or whether or not you get it...

Hebrews 4:2 – “For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, **not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.**”

Habakkuk 2:4 – “Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: **but the just shall live by his faith.**”

It isn't just about the PROMISE...it is about being mixed with faith...about LIVING by faith!

ILLUSTRATION: The journalist who asked FRED PRICE about the financial blessings of God and said that on a Sunday he drove through their parking lot and saw all sorts of cars...Bentley's, BMW's, Cadillac's and then a lot of old jalopies, and beat up cars.

Fred Price answered, “When you went to school did the teacher teach the same thing to everyone in the class?” She said, “Yes.” He said, “Did they all get the same grades?” She said, “No.”

He finished, “Some of them applied themselves and put things to work and some didn't. Some of them GOT IT and some DIDN'T!”

MARK HANKINS: “If your faith isn't talking, it isn't working. Faith always has a voice.”

That is the way it is with the BLESSINGS OF God...the blessings of God are for everyone of us...no matter where we start or where we are...the Word is the same for each of us...but the question is, do you believe it...do you practice it...are you applying it?

What Are You Saying?

The Lord spoke to me the other day and said, “My people don’t really believe that the words of their mouth matter. They have heard it, but they don’t want to change.”

BELOVED: You are living today in the words that you spoke yesterday.

It is NOT just a saying...or a cliché...it is the absolute truth.

You have run into the mess of today because of the words you spoke yesterday.

Proverbs 18:20,21

20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

JESSE DUPLANTIS: “Never sabotage your future with your own words.”

If you have a hole in your roof...it is time to patch it up!

In Genesis we see the story of Abram and Sarai...whom we will take note of several times during this series...but I want to show you how important your words are...and how important God views your words.

Genesis 12 – God tells Abram go...I am going to bless you...give you descendants.

Genesis 15 – God begins cutting the covenant with Abram for his seed...stars in the sky

Genesis 17 – God completes the covenant process with promise...name change

God has a lot riding on this child...not just Abraham and Sarah!

Genesis 18 – God visits Abraham...through three men...and one says...

Genesis 18:10-13

10 And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.

11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

13 And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?

Vs. 12 (**NLT**) – “So she laughed silently to herself and said, “How could a worn-out woman like me enjoy such pleasure, especially when my master—my husband—is also so old?”

IN OTHER WORDS: She was by herself...she didn’t say this to anyone else...only to herself...but she said it...“I’m too old!”

Vs. 13 – This did NOT make God happy!

This was UNACCEPTABLE...because God had a lot riding on this child! He could NOT have Sarah spewing wrong words out of her mouth.

In Luke 1, Zechariah (Elizabeth’s husband) was struck MUTE because he started speaking unbelief when Gabriel told him that he and Elizabeth would have a son, John the Baptist.

WHY? Because God couldn’t have him running around talking unbelief.

If you want to live the blessed life...you better WATCH the words of your MOUTH...make sure they match what you are believing for.

If you want God’s plan for you life to manifest...He cannot have you running your mouth in unbelief.

Hebrews 10:23,38,39

- 23 Let us hold fast the **profession of our faith** without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)
“**profession**” – homologia – speak the same thing
If you believe it...it will come out of your mouth!
- 38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.
- 39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

ILLUSTRATION: Most of us have heard about the Titanic...especially recently with the submersible that imploded in the news...but the Titanic could have finished its route and been the toast of the town for many years to come...if it would have JUST CHANGED ITS course!

James 3:2-8

- 2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, **the same is a perfect man**, and able also to bridle the whole body.

(AMP) – “For we all often stumble and fall and offend in many things. And if anyone does not offend in speech [never says the wrong things], he is a fully developed character and a perfect man, able to control his whole body and to curb his entire nature.”

(PASSION) – “We all fail in many areas, but especially with our words. Yet if we’re able to bridle the words we say we are powerful enough to control ourselves in every way, and that means our character is mature and fully developed.”

- 3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.
- 4 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

NOTICE: These first two examples are about turning things around.

A horse...big, but not as big as a ship!

ILLUSTRATION: I heard about a man who made a bet that he could beat a horse in a 100 yard race...after getting many bettors...he laid out the course. Run 50 yards, turn around and run back to the starting line. He won because it took the horse more time to turn around.

HOWEVER: To turn a horse around is a much easier and quicker endeavor than to turn a whole ship around by using a small rudder.

YOU SEE: Many people think that the words of your mouth don't matter...because they said some good things for a while and it didn't make a difference. Well...there is a process of time that must go by to turn it around...depending on your circumstances.

QUESTION: How long have you created your current situation? Then you probably need to allow some time for your tongue to turn it around. **BUT NOTE...**it WILL turn around!

BELOVED: If you want to turn your situation around...you need to start today by changing what you say over your life.

- 5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!
- 6 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.

The last example is a fire...NO FOREST FIRE starts by torching the WHOLE FOREST...by by a spark...a match...an ember.

If that ember isn't put out...it will take over the forest, bit by bit.

SO...if your tongue speaks things contrary to the WORD...it will eventually take over, if you don't put it out.

If your tongue speaks things that LINE UP WITH THE WORD...it will eventually take over, if you don't put it out.

7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Where is your TONGUE taking you?

Is it changing you for the better or is it digging your hole deeper?

KEITH BUTLER: "satan or the angels can use your words...your mouth is important."

Conclusion

Pastor Alisa has said something all year, talking about how the Bible is real!

We will see throughout this series that the power in your mouth is real. God said it...He demanded it...science even backs it up...but it is real.

Proverbs 18:21 – Death and life are in the power of the tongue.

Which will you choose?