



The Power of a Word

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TAKEN FROM A 1913 GOSPEL TRUMPET

"A WORD FITLY SPOKEN IS LIKE APPLES OF GOLD IN PICTURES OF SILVER." PROVERBS 25:11. A WORD RIGHTLY AND SEASONABLY SPOKEN HAS TREMENDOUS INFLUENCE FOR GOOD. LIKewise, A WORD WRONGLY SPOKEN, SPOKEN IN A WRONG SPIRIT OR AT AN INOPPORTUNE TIME HAS A CORRESPONDING INFLUENCE FOR EVIL. JAMES SAID, "IF A MAN OFFEND NOT IN WORD, THE SAME IS A PERFECT MAN, AND ABLE ALSO TO BRIDLE THE WHOLE BODY." PEOPLE PROBABLY COMMIT MORE OFFENSES WITH THE TONGUE THAN WITH ALL THE REST OF THE BODY. IT IS A VERY UNRULY MEMBER AND OFTEN IS THE CAUSE OF SERIOUS TROUBLE.

HOW MANY FAMILY ROWS AND NEIGHBORHOOD BRAWLS HAVE BEEN STARTED WITH THE CARELESS USE OF THE TONGUE! HOW OFTEN HAS ONE HARSH WORD BROKEN A LOVING HEART, FILLED A LIFE WITH SORROW, OR DRIVEN A SOUL TO DESPAIR? HEARTS THAT NEEDED COMFORT HAVE BEEN DISCOURAGED AND THOSE WHO LONGED FOR A WORD OF CHEER HAVE BEEN BLASTED BY A FRIGID REBUKE.

OUR WORDS CAN CUT LIKE A SWORD, KILL LIKE A BLIGHTING FROST, OR THEY CAN BE BALM TO A WOUNDED HEART, CAN CHEER AND COMFORT AND STRENGTHEN THE WEAK AND FALLING, AND INSPIRE WITH NEW LIFE THOSE WHO ARE READY TO DIE. OH, WHAT AN INSTRUMENT OF BLESSING IS THE POWER OF SPEECH! AND YET WHAT A CRUEL INSTRUMENT OF TORTURE IF WE CHOOSE TO USE IT FOR SUCH!

HOW MANY HEARTS WE CAN LIGHTEN, HOW MANY HOMES WE CAN BRIGHTEN, HOW MANY SLUMBERING CHORDS WE CAN AWAKEN BY A FEW KIND WORDS OF LOVE! IN THIS WORLD OF SORROW WE MEET SOULS EVERY DAY THAT NEED OUR HELP. WE COULD NOT MISS THEM IF WE WERE TO TRY, AND OH! CAN WE WITHHOLD THE LOVE AND COMFORT THAT THEY SO SADLY NEED, WHEN OUR DEAR LOVING FATHER HAS FREELY BESTOWED THESE UPON US? ON THE OTHER HAND, HOW EASILY WE CAN TURN SOULS FOREVER AWAY FROM THE RIGHT AND BRING REPROACH AND DISASTER TO THE CAUSE OF CHRIST! MAY THE LORD SO FILL OUR HEARTS WITH HIS LOVE AND SO SEASON OUR SPEECH

WITH GRACE THAT EVERY WORD WE SAY WILL GLORIFY HIM!

WE ARE TO BE EXAMPLES IN WORD AS WELL AS IN DEED, AND OUR EXAMPLE SHOULD ALWAYS BE SUCH THAT OUR CHILDREN AND NEIGHBORS CAN SAFELY FOLLOW; FOR, WHETHER WE REALIZE IT OR NOT, WE HAVE AN INFLUENCE EITHER FOR GOOD OR FOR EVIL, AND SOMEONE IS FOLLOWING IN OUR STEPS, MAYBE A DARLING CHILD OR A LOVING FRIEND. HOW CAREFUL, THEN, WE SHOULD BE! FOR EVEN THE VERY TONE OF OUR VOICE MAYBE IMITATED BY OTHERS. THE CHILD WILL TALK LIKE ITS FATHER AND MOTHER. IT WAS SAID OF THE DISCIPLES THAT THEIR SPEECH BETRAYED THEM AND THAT THE PEOPLE TOOK KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAD BEEN WITH JESUS. AND MAY OUR SPEECH ALWAYS BE SUCH THAT IT WILL CONVINCe THE WORLD THAT WE ARE SAINTS OF GOD! "FOR BY THY WORDS THOU SHALT BE JUSTIFIED, AND BY THY WORDS THOU SHALT BE CONDEMNED." MATTHEW 12:37.

**"THERE'S NO WAY I'LL TURN BACK NOW"
AUTHOR UNKNOWN**

I'D BEEN FILLED UP ON THIS WORLD'S PLEASURES

**BUT I WAS STILL SO EMPTY INSIDE,
I WAS LONGING JUST TO BE HAPPY
BUT NOTHING WOULD SATISFY
UNTIL THE DAY I MET THE SAVIOR
AND FOR ME HIS HAND REACHED DOWN
HE CLEANSED MY HEART, HE FILLED MY
LONGING**

AND THERE'S NO WAY I'LL TURN BACK NOW.

**WHEN I RECALL THOSE BITTER MEMORIES
OF THE LIFE THAT ONCE WAS MINE
DREAMS WERE SHATTERED, LIFE WAS HOPELESS
NO CONTENTMENT COULD I FIND
SO NOW I LIFT MY PRAISE TO HEAVEN
SIN NO LONGER HAS ME BOUND
FOR I HAVE LEFT IT ALL BEHIND ME
AND THERE'S NO WAY I'LL TURN BACK NOW.**

**IF YOUR HEART IS FULL OF SORROW
BENT BENEATH A LOAD OF SIN
THERE IS ONE WHO'LL TAKE YOUR BURDEN
MAKE YOUR LIFE COMPLETE AGAIN
IF YOU'LL JUST COME IN FULL SURRENDER
YOU CAN KNOW THIS JOY I'VE FOUND
FOR I'VE BEEN BLESSED BEYOND ALL MEASURE
AND THERE'S NO WAY I'LL TURN BACK NOW.**

**THERE'S NO WAY I WILL TURN BACK
TO THE PAST I'VE LEFT BEHIND**

TOO MANY BLESSING I HAVE TASTED
TOO MANY TREASURES I'VE YET TO FIND
I HAVE TRIED THOSE WORLDLY PLEASURES
THEY CAN'T COMPARE TO WHAT I'VE FOUND
THERE'S NO WAY. THERE'S JUST NO WAY
I'LL TURN BACK NOW.



PRAYER OF THE MONTH

HEAVENLY FATHER,

WE THANK YOU FOR ALL THE MANY
BLESSINGS IN OUR LIFE. WE ASK YOU TO
GUARD US AND GUIDE US ALONG THIS PATH
OF LIFE. PLEASE KEEP US SAFE FROM
TEMPTATION AND HELP US TO LIVE SO THAT
WE MAY BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS.

AMEN

TESTIMONIES

I CANNOT BEGIN TO DESCRIBE WHAT THE
LORD HAS DONE FOR ME IN MY LIFE. HE
BROUGHT ME OUT OF THE TERRIBLE
THINGS THAT I WAS ONCE INVOLVED IN.
BEFORE I GOT SAVED, MY LIFE WAS LIKE
WALKING AROUND IN THE DARK. I FELT
LIKE I HAD NO WAY OUT. IT SEEMED LIKE
NO ONE COULD HEAR ME ALTHOUGH I
WAS SCREAMING AT THE TOP OF MY
LUNGS FOR HELP. I REACHED A POINT
WHERE I HAD ALMOST GIVEN UP HOPE. I
FIGURED THAT I MUST HAVE BEEN SO BAD
THAT NOT EVEN GOD COULD FORGIVE ME.
SO I WANDERED THROUGH LIFE WITHOUT
A PURPOSE. I DRANK AND SMOKED AND
STAYED OUT ALL NIGHT WITH MY FRIENDS
BECAUSE I FELT THAT NOTHING COULD
BRING ME BACK TO A LOVING GOD WHO
WOULD FORGIVE ME.

I AM NOT TELLING YOU THIS BECAUSE I
AM PROUD OF IT OR BECAUSE I LIKE
TALKING ABOUT IT, BUT I WANT YOU TO
UNDERSTAND WHAT MY LIFE WAS LIKE.
THEN SOMEONE CAME INTO MY LIFE.
THIS PERSON TRIED OVER AND OVER
AGAIN TO SHOW ME THAT GOD WILL LOVE
ME IF I WILL LET HIM. I WAS STILL
SKEPTICAL WHEN I ATTENDED A REVIVAL
WITH THIS PERSON. THE WORDS OF THE
PASTOR TOUCHED ME DEEP INSIDE. I
FELT LIKE I HAD AN AWAKENING. I
COULD FEEL THE LOVE OF GOD
ENVELOPING ME. I KNELT AT THE ALTAR
WITH TEARS IN MY EYES AND PRAYED
THAT GOD WOULD FORGIVE ME. AND I
KNEW EVEN AS T SAID IT T KNEW THAT HE

"NOW THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL
JOY AND PEACE IN BELIEVING, THAT YE MAY
ABOUND IN HOPE, THROUGH THE POWER OF
THE HOLY GHOST."

ROMANS 15:13

BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE BIBLE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

FOR AGES:

5 TO 12 YEAR OLDS

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SERVICE TIMES:

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE

4:45 P.M.

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S SERVICE

5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 P.M.

WE HAVE LITERATURE AVAILABLE FOR
THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO STUDY THE
WORD OF GOD IN THE CONFINES OF THEIR
HOME. LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED BY CONTACTING US AT THE

ABOVE TELEPHONE NUMBER, ADDRESS, OR WEBSITE.

"THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET, AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH."

PSALMS 119:105

