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Very few people are aware that the words that we speak have a creative power both negative and positive. Proverbs says people can be snared by the words that they speak. (Proverbs 6:2)

A man can be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth and the more he speaks, the more he is filled (Proverbs 18:20-21). Why is this so? How is it that words have creative power?

We see firstly that nothing was made without “the Word” (John 1:1-3). All was made by God through the Word who was in the beginning with God. This was no other than Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. And he (Jesus) is before all things and by Him all things exist. (Colossians 1:17). Everything was created by the Word and it is by the Word that they exist or are kept. (Hebrews 11:3, 1:3)

Speaking in faith

The scripture above says the worlds were framed by the Word of God. In a much smaller sense, whether you realize it or not, you are making your world with your words daily. Whether you are speaking words full of faith or fear, the difference is the same – you are framing your own world and you will live in it.

Words will transmit fear or faith. A man’s belly will be full of them. If you are always talking about bad news, that will transmit oppression and fear, but faith talk will transmit faith and good news.

We know that the Gospel is Good News. Jesus came with the Good news of salvation. He brought the good word that gives life. (John 10:10) Jesus said: “I have come.” Thank God He Came! The Word has come that you might have life and that you might have it more abundantly. The Good News of the the living Word, Jesus, creates abundant life for your spirit, soul and body. Hence, when you speak God’s words, you are speaking life. You are speaking faith. Faith, which is the substance of things, we hope for. (Hebrews 11:1)

A picture created

If you continue to proclaim God’s Word, continue to proclaim God’s promises, you will have an image

created by God's Word.

Let me explain what I mean: If you have never seen a place before and one describes it in such detail then you begin to begin to have an image of how it is set -it's streets, houses and so on. Or let 's say I describe to you a certain person. You will discover that the day you meet that person, you will know that this is the person described to you. How do you know that this is the person if you have never met him before? Yes, you saw him in my description. You made a picture of him through my words as I described him. The words created an image inside of you. Your mind creates powerful images out of the word you hear. Words can also make you recall images you have seen before. If I talk about your house, you will immediately see it. Why don't you see a piece of cake? Because that is not what the words are saying. My words control what you are seeing in your mind. Words produce images, recall and change images. This depends on what kind of words are used. The right words will create the right kind of images.

When the word of God gets in you, it can create an image after its kind. When the image is perfected inside you, then it's an opportunity for faith to arise.

Faith and the Word of God

Faith can come! But what is faith? We have already said it is God's building material for the things hoped for. It is the reality of the unseen things. All the people of God - born again - have been given a measure of faith. (Romans 12:3)

How was this measure of faith given? How do you measure faith? I want to think that faith is measured by the amount of the word of God one has. Jesus once said If we abide in His word and His word abides in us, we can bear much fruit. Faith can increase with the amount of word we get in. How do we get more faith? It is by hearing the word of God with an open heart (Romans 10:17). What I am saying is not meant to be a formula but is meant to be done in relationship with Jesus (the object of our faith) and out of intimacy in walking with the Father.

Faith comes by the word of God. It is found in the word. Some have little or no faith at all because they either have little of God's word or no word at all. When we say a person has no faith, we are simply saying they have no word of God in them.

It is not the written word that works, but the written word that is spoken by God into our hearts

specifically, which we speak. The children of Israel had all the written word as much as they needed, but their situation became worse. When God directed them with His Spirit, it gave them life, because the Spirit gives life. (John 6:63) The written word engraved on the stones or paper can kill if not appropriated by the Spirit working in our hearts. (2 Corinthians 3:6)

This is the very reason why God requires you and me to say what we need in order to get it. It is the confession with the mouth that brings salvation. (Romans 10:8-9, Mark 11:23) Let's remember to be those who speak life and who hold onto the word of God.



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