

## Why don't you Say So?

*"Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the adversary" Psalm 107:2*

*Matthew 12:34-37 "... **For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. ... 37 For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.**"*

### 1. Words are vitally important

a) Words reveal what is in our heart

- Positive or negative; faith or fear; constructive or destructive

a) We are (largely) controlled by our WORDS

*James 3:3-6 "... 6 The tongue also is a fire,.... It corrupts the whole person, **sets the whole course of his life** on fire, ..."*

*Proverbs 18:21 "The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit."*

### 2. Words that will work against us!

a) Gossip - Idle talk about other people & their affairs; Maybe malicious or scandalous, etc

*Proverbs 12:18 "Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing."*

**b) Criticism - To find fault, to disapprove; to judge another with a critical attitude; Back-biting, etc**

*Matthew 18:15 "'If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over."*

□ **c) Repeating a matter - breaking confidences – irresponsible words**

*Proverbs 17:9 "He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends."*

**d) Profanity – socially offensive, vulgar, blasphemous, destructive**

**e) Words of anger – Uncontrolled emotions & accusations, etc**

**f) Praying against or about people – 'Christianized 'gossip'**

*James 3:7-12 "... **Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be.** 11 Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring?"*

**g) Negative Confession (declare or say) - Destructive words destroy faith & hope**

- ❑ **Destructive words about yourself destroy hope, confidence life and FAITH!**

### **3. Words that WIN**

#### **a) Words that confess sin & repent**

*1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."*

#### **b) Words that ask for forgiveness**

#### **c) Words that confess Christ as Lord**

*Romans 10:9-10 "That if you **confess** with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you **confess** and are saved."*

#### **d) Words that exalt the Lord Jesus Christ**

*Hebrews 13:15 "... let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise--the fruit of lips that confess his name."*

*Psalms 9:1-2 " To the tune of "The Death of the Son." **I will praise you**, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders.*

#### **e) Words that build your innerman**

- ❑ **I am a child of God**

*1 John 3:1-2 "...Beloved, **now we are children of God, ...**'*

▣ **I am a new creation in Christ**

*2 Corinthians 5:17 MKJV So that if any one is in Christ, that one is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

▣ **Jesus Christ lives in me**

*Romans 8:11 MKJV But if the Spirit of the One who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised up Christ from the dead shall also make your mortal bodies alive by His Spirit who dwells in you.*

▣ **Greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world**

*1 John 4:4 MKJV You are of God, little children, and you have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*

▣ **All authority is mine in Christ**

*Luke 10:19 MKJV Behold, I give to you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the authority of the enemy. And nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

▣ **I am an overcomer**

*Romans 8:31 MKJV What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

*Romans 8:37 MKJV But in all these things we more than conquer through Him who loved us.*

▫ **What are we saying to our circumstances**

*Hebrews 13:5-6 "..... because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." 6 **So we say with confidence,** "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"*

*Deuteronomy 30:11-16 "Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. ...the word is very near you; **it is in your mouth and in your heart** so you may obey it. 15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ...."*

*Mark 11:20-23 "... "I tell you the truth, if anyone **says to this mountain,** 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but **believes that what he says** will happen, it will be done for him."*

*Your WORDS will help you to WIN!*

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