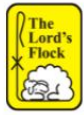


The Power of God's Word

Our Mouth and Tongue as Conveyors of that Power

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When we sincerely listen to God's word, He will provide strength and all that we need (Ps. 23). Indeed, there is power in God's Word; our own tongue can be conveyor or vessel of God's power.

1. **God's Word is creative power.** It brought about creation (Gen. 1) and offers more than mere existence, but an ordering of our lives.

- 1.1. The ordering is beyond our capacity, and we should not expect it if God is not present.
- 1.2. He puts in proper place those that hinder us from loving God more; He creates harmony and peace.
- 1.3. We must discern what God wants for us. If we constantly listen to Him, we will never be led astray. He will draw us closer to Him.
- 1.4. There are many gods in our lives that keep us from loving God.
- 1.5. If our relationship is with each other only – thus, away from God – then that is mere attachment.
- 1.6. The more we stay faithful to our spouse, the more we love God. Similarly, parents should lead their children to the Lord.
- 1.7. When we do not listen to God, we are prone to deception.

2. **Speak only what God tells us specifically in prayer, nothing more, nothing less.** That is the discipline of the mouth and tongue.

- 2.1. No matter how good our intentions may be, let us not add to what God says (Gen. 3). Any version of kindness not in accord with God's Word may hinder God's plan.
- 2.2. Let us not add nor subtract to God's Word so that we will participate in God's plan. Deception happens when we add to what God has said to us, putting our lives out of order.

3. **Only God can purify and sanctify our tongue and mouth.**

- 3.1 Purification occurs when we ask for forgiveness of our sins. Then the mercy of God will be upon us and He will bring us to everlasting life.
- 3.2 Sanctification makes our heart and life holy when we listen to God's Word.
- 3.3 A purified and sanctified tongue never engages in flattery but only speaks truth with love; this becomes transformative.
- 3.4 With the guidance of the ministry of angels, we must say only what God says and according to what a person can accept; the rest will come in some other time.
- 3.5 True friendship is all about shared stories. Jesus spoke in the gospels about God's love for mankind, thus Jesus refers to His disciples as *friends*.

4. **A disciplined tongue always leads to love and life.**

- 4.1 When there is discord or differences in positions, then we must submit to the Holy Spirit who will teach our hearts. Hence, there will be one heart and one position.
- 4.2 Division will collapse if everyone listens closely to God. If after many meetings, there is still division, then we must examine our hearts if we did listen to the Holy Spirit.

Conclusion: Jesus is the model of following what the Father tells Him (Jn. 12). When we listen to God, He will provide strength and all that we need. Those who sincerely listen to God will never want (Ps. 23).

Reflection:

1. How has God's Word brought change in your life?
2. What area/s of your life need/s the creative touch of God's Word today?

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