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WORDS AND THEIR EFFECT -

- Words are powerful
- Words create
- Words build up or they tear down.

In the beginning God spoke and what He spoke became. Everything we see today, the mountains, the rivers, the birds, fish, all the plants and trees were created because God spoke them into existance.

Our travels to the Smoky Mountains to behold the beauty of the leaves, as they change color, takes our breath away. The vibrant and various colors show forth God's greatness. You cannot but pause and thank God for His creation. **He is awesome!**

Proverbs 18:21 states,

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat it's fruit." (NKJV)

THE FRUIT OF WORDS -

What words have you been speaking in your life? Is the fruit of these words victory and life or defeat and death? One of our former Pastors always made this statement – what you're living today is the result of what you spoke yesterday. This is so true and why it is so important to speak God's Word over our lives, family and nation.

For example, what words were spoken over you as a child and as an adult that has brought a curse instead of a blessing? Negative words form an image in our minds of how we are and who we are becoming. Postive words, God's Word will form a correct image in our minds and will show us who and what we are in God.

How many young men and women are in prison today because they were told they were no good and would not amount to anything? Coming out of agreement with these curses and negative words is vital. As we grew up, without realizing it we came into agreement with what was said over our lives. At some point we may not have liked what was said, but we did nothing to stop the effect of the words spoken. In most cases we knew nothing of the damaging effect of these words.

DELIVERANCE FROM NEGATIVE WORDS -

We must come <u>out of agreement</u> with these negative words that have been spoken over our lives. Agreement simply means: to be of one mind, to concur. The words which were spoken we took into our minds and hearts as "truth". Many times these words were not the truth. We must forgive those who spoke over us and then break the power and effect of all these words over our lives, in Jesus name. Now we can go be who God has destined us to be.

There are so many voices today speaking negative reports, telling us how bad every thing is, and how it is going to get worse. Does this bring faith to our lives? No it brings fear, hopelessness and depression. But, if we will get into the Word of God we will find words of faith and comfort; that God is always for us and he will always be with us, and take care of His children. Which voice will we come into agreement with?

So to get a better understanding of what "agreement" is, we will look at this in greater detail.

We can find our scripture reference in Amos 3:3 which says,

Can two walk together, unless they are agreed? (NKJV)

AGREEMENT -

What a short but powerful verse. Right off the top to walk with God we must be agreed with God. This is a key element in this scripture, letting us know our first and primary "agreement" must be with God. For example if the Bible says we are more than a conqueror and we walk around speaking defeat we are in disagreement with God. Here is one that plagues everyone, God says we are "righteous". Yet how many of us never speak this in agreement with God from our mouths. And the list goes on, God says we are rich and prosperous, we say we are poor and miserable. God says we are healed by His stripes, we continue to say we are sick. Why we are in agreement with the attack of the enemy instead of the Word of God? We must know His Word, and be in agreement with that Word. We do this by renewing our minds with His Word and by keeping His Word before our eyes and in our ears, so it comes out of our mouth.

When we agree with God, His Word overpowers every other word or voice that we hear. The Word of God becomes the loudest voice we can hear. God becomes our final authority in all situations and all circumstances. Every problem and need for wisdom we go to Him. So if someone today, a co-worker, boss, heaven forbid even our spouse speaks negatively over us, that which is spoken become subservient to God's Word. We walk in the victory and life that is in the Word of God.

MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS -

We can see a great example in the story of Mary when she found out she was chosen to bear Jesus and bring Him into the world. Now grant you this had to be a shock to her, yet we find Mary was already a Godly young lady. You can hear her heart as she is told by the angel, she was going to have a baby.

Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. (NKJV)

From this short verse we can hear the heartbeat of Mary concerning her love for God. First thing she identifies herself as God's "maidservant" – She then makes the statement of surrender, "let it be to me" and follows it with "according to your word" – Willingness, obedience, humility were all present as she embraced "agreement" with the Word of God. I do not believe that Mary ever entertained a thought of not doing what God asked of her. Now that is "agreement" to the full. What a testimony!

SPEAKING WHAT GOD SPEAKS -

As we bring this letter to a close we can take the power of our words, both those we hear and those we speak and see how important it is to speak good words, words which build up others and not tear them down. And to carefully qualify what we hear, (allow to enter into our belief system) is it God or from another source.

Now that we have a clearer understanding of how important it is to come into "agreement" with God and His Word. We can speak, declare, pray or prophesy knowing that we are speaking goodness into others lives and into the atmosphere we live in.

Blessings to you,

Pastors Steve & Cathy Akers

We would love to come into agreement with you and pray for God to bless, heal, deliver or meet you in what you need. Our contact information is at the top of this letter.