



Authority of the Believer

Lesson 5: Resisting the Devil with your Confession

1. Introduction / Review

Ephesians 1:16-23

Ephesians 2:1-6

When Christ was made alive, we were too.

When He was raised, I was raised.

I am sitting together with Christ in heavenly places.

This is already done. It is completed in the eyes of God!

This is my position when I pray.

In our previous lesson we looked at how we must resist the devil. It was briefly mentioned that part of resisting is not giving up your confession.

1 Peter 5:8, 9

When you resist the devil he must leave. However, he is going to try and come back.

For example, if you resist him in the area of healing, he will try to put those symptoms on you again.

Faith is believing and speaking. We must be steadfast in our believing and speaking – or we could say that we must not give up our confession.

Hebrews 4:14

2. Your Confession

The words that we speak have power. Many people do not realize the power of their confession.

Whether we walk in unbelief or in faith is determined by _____

When we speak the Word of God, the Holy Spirit comes alongside of us. God hears our confession of faith.

When we speak words of defeat and failure, the enemy works in our lives through our own words.

When we confess sickness, doubt, lack of finances, and other things that do not line up with the Word of God, we are speaking out of our natural senses.

When we live by our senses we speak words of doubt.

When we live by the Spirit we speak words of faith.

God works through our confession. _____

Isaiah 55:11

Jeremiah 1:12

Our confidence must be in the Word of God. Our confession must be his Word.

How does this apply to our prayer lives?

Answer: We must hold fast our confession even though it appears our prayers have not been answered. This is how we resist the enemy and how we stand against him.

When we pray, it is never for possible things. Prayer is for impossible.

We must be bold in our prayers and in our confession. Many times this requires us to stand in faith after our prayer has already been prayed.

The enemy will come against us but we must resist by speaking the Word of God, not our fears and doubts.

We must fearlessly take our position in Christ and stand against the devil.

Many Christians do not understand this principle. For example, they pray and ask God to heal them but then declare sickness and disease over their own bodies.

The key to walking in victory is our confession of his Word. _____

1 John 5:4

You could say it this way – This is the victory that has overcome the world, our believing and speaking.

Proverbs 6:2

We must make a decision to never speak failure and defeat. We must always speak of God's ability and power.

Instead of being a slave to our own words, we must learn to make our words serve us.

Your faith will never exceed the words that come out of your mouth.

3. Important things to understand about God's Word in your life

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In John 1, Jesus is called the Word.

John 1:1-3

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Isaiah 55:11

The Bible also tells us that God is going to make sure his Word comes to pass.

Jeremiah 1:12

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Faith is believing the Word of God and speaking the Word of God.

We have already seen that Jesus and the Word are one. Faith in the Word and faith in God are the same thing.

John 15:7

Not only does this verse show us that Jesus and His Word are one, it also reveals the power of the spoken Word in prayer.

Literal Translation Bible

If you abide in me, and my words are living in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it will leap into being, it will become fact.

Jesus spoke the Father's words. We speak the Word of God.

In order for the Word to have authority, it must be spoken.

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This is the key to your victory.

Hebrews 4:12

We must have an understanding that when we speak the Word of God it has as much authority as when Jesus spoke it.

The words Jesus spoke were the words of the Father.

John 12:49, 50

Jesus also said the things that He did were the things the Father told Him to do.

John 10:37, 38

The words that Jesus spoke were the Father's Words. The miracles that Jesus performed were the Father's miracles.

We have the ability to operate in the same confidence and assurance.

We have the same Holy Spirit Jesus had. We have the same words to speak that Jesus had.

We have been made righteous, and we have been given authority over the devil.

We have access into God's presence.

We have died with Christ. We are risen with Him. We are seated with Him in a place of authority.

There is no reason for any believer to operate at a lesser place than Jesus did!

However, we must activate our faith by speaking the Word of God.

Why does the Word of God have to be spoken? – Because it is alive inside of us and needs to be released by the spoken word.

1 Peter 1:23

Colossians 3:16

With the Word of God alive inside of us, all we have to do is speak it and act upon it.

God has incredible promises for those of us who declare His Word.

Jeremiah 1:12

God actually watches over his Word, making sure it comes to pass for those who speak it, trust in it, and act upon it.

Revelation 12:11 clearly shows us that victory over the devil comes through our confession of the Word of God.

Revelation 12:11

Once a believer speaks the Word of God, they should not retreat from it. We should stand by our confession and declare what the Word of God says about us.

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If we are abiding in the Word, we are abiding with Jesus.

John 8:31, 32

Jesus takes this to a new level in John 15:7.

John 15:7

In the Greek language this literally means that things will “come into being” for us.

This happens for us when we _____

This is faith. We have the Word of God dwelling inside of us and we speak it with the words of our mouth.

2 Corinthians 4:13

When we do this, God Himself makes sure that our confession comes to pass. The written Word of God must be in our hearts, but it must also be confessed with the words of our mouth.

Faith is speaking the word of God and seeing the salvation of people, the sick healed, and the demon possessed set free.

How do we bring this principles into our prayer lives?

Answer: Real prayer is taking His Word into the throne room and letting His Word speak through your lips to Him on the throne, calling His attention to His own promises.

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Romans 10:9, 10

Many Christians only mentally agree with the Word instead of believing in their heart. This is why people live dominated by the devil.

Their confession is sickness, fear, weakness, and other things that do not line up with the Word of God.

They read the Bible and talk about it in Bible studies. But they are weak and oppressed by the devil because they do not truly believe the Word and confess it.

Here is a powerful truth – _____

What we speak comes from or flows out of our belief.

2 Corinthians 4:13

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Just like faith is released by believing in God's Word and confessing it, a wrong confession releases unbelief.

Speaking the wrong things over our lives is an enemy of prayer.

Hebrews 4:14

If someone is sick and they confess in prayer that they are healed by the stripes of Jesus, they need to maintain that confession.

If they have a wrong confession and begin saying that they are sick, they nullify their prayers.

If a Christian is weak, their confession needs to be they can do all things through Christ who gives them strength.

Many Christians say they believe God for things like healing, salvation of loved ones, freedom in their minds, and financial provision, but their confession does not line up with the Word of God.

Therefore, as we have seen earlier, they are not truly believing.

Someone who is truly believing in God and standing on his Word will have a confession that comes from that belief.

Many Christians have a double confession. The moment they say “I am healed” in prayer they begin to question how it will come to pass.

The latter confession destroys the first confession. A wrong confession destroys prayer.

In order to walk in authority in our prayer lives, we must maintain the right confession.