

## **A Year Of The Lord's Favour** The Power Of Your Words

**Preamble** - A year of the Lords Favour

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to **proclaim** (announce) good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, [2] to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, **Isaiah 61:1-2**

"**Sing**, barren woman, who has never had a baby. Fill the air with song, you who've never experienced childbirth! You're ending up with far more children than all those childbearing women." **Isaiah 54:1-5 MSG**

"Look at the nations and watch---and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told. **Habakkuk 1:5**

### **Define Favour**

- It's undeserved, unmerited help, kindness ... Favour
- It's God Grace given to us in Christ Jesus

*Favour enables us to do what we could not do in our own strength or resources to bring about God's divine purposes upon the earth.*

### **Purpose of the Favour**

*The favour upon an individual or a Church is less about themselves and more about what the Lord is doing through them to reach and touch others!!*

### **The Power Of Words**

- You create your world with your words
- You are where you are today because of the thoughts you think and the words you speak
- Thoughts leads to words, leading to actions, leading to habits and leading to destiny - Worlds are created by words

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..... **Romans 12:2a**

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. **2 Corinthians 10:5**

### **My Story**

- Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me
  - Actually bones heal but cutting, negative and limiting words can stay with people for a lifetime
- Personal experience about racism when I was 8 – no one hit me or physically mistreated me, I was allowed all the privileges the other children had. It was the words of the other children that made my life miserable.
- Example of prophetic word at 11 years old - Word encouraged me and filled my heart with hope - I felt I could take the world on

### **Words Are Powerful**

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. **Genesis 1:3**

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

Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit---you choose.

**Proverbs 18:21 MSG**

Kind words heal and help; cutting words wound and maim. **Proverbs 15:4 MSG**

But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. **Matthew 12:36**

“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.” **Isaiah 6:5**

### **We Speak words to ourselves and to others**

We speak words to ourselves and we speak words to others. Are we speaking life or death?

#### The power of your words to yourself

- I am not good enough
- I am a failure
- I always make the wrong choices
- I hate myself
- I wish I had never been born

Or

- I am a new creation Christ
- I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength
- The Lord is in me and with me and I will not be shaken
- My Heavenly Father loves me and has good plans in store for my life

## The Power of your words to others

- I hate you
- I don't want to be with you
- You are a waste of space
- You always get things wrong

Or

- You are such a good person
- You are a precious friend to me
- You always know what to say
- I love you and am so proud of you
- You are going to make it in life and achieve such great things

## **Speak your world into existence**

The words you speak are creating the world you live in

A bit in the mouth of a horse controls the whole horse. A small rudder on a huge ship in the hands of a skilled captain sets a course in the face of the strongest winds. A word out of your mouth may seem of no account, but it can accomplish nearly anything— or destroy it! It only takes a spark, remember, to set off a forest fire. A careless or wrongly placed word out of your mouth can do that. By our speech we can ruin the world, turn harmony to chaos, throw mud on a reputation, send the whole world up in smoke and go up in smoke with it, smoke right from the pit of hell. **James 3:3-6 (MSG)**

- A bit, a rudder, a word, a spark
- Small things direct big movement

Speak what God speaks

- Give voice to his plan for your life
- Speak his story over your life
- Speak his love
- See what he sees, speak what he speaks and feel what feels
- Speak who you are in Christ
- Speak his love over your life

“It is better for you and me to be admiring the compassion and fullness of grace that is in our Saviour, than to dwell and pore too much upon our own poverty and vileness.” **John Newton**

**Conclusion** - Application

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**Proverbs 18:21 MSG**

**1. Silence death**

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. **Ephesians 4:29**

- Anyone can criticise
- Anyone can spot the problem
- Anyone can be sarcastic
- It's easy to pull down
- It's easy to be negative

“Do not be always pouring down over the imperfections of your own heart, and dissecting your own besetting sins, Look up. Look more to your risen Head in heaven, and try to realise more than you do that the Lord Jesus not only died for you, but that He also rose again, and that He is ever living at God's right hand as your Priest, your Advocate, and your Almighty friend.”

**J.C. Ryle**

- Sometimes it better to say nothing at all if you can't say anything good.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to place a guard over your mouth

Set a guard over my mouth, Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips.

**Psalms 141:3**

## **2. Speak Life**

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. **Colossians 4:6**

To yourself - Speak Life

- Jesus is first in my life. I exist to serve and glorify Him.
- I love my wife and will lay down my life to serve her.
- My children will love God and serve Him with their whole hearts. I will nurture, equip, train, and empower them to do more for His kingdom than they can imagine.
- I love people and believe the best about others.
- I am disciplined. Christ in me is stronger than the wrong desires in me.
- I am growing closer to Jesus every day. Because of Christ, my family is closer, my body is stronger, my faith is deeper, my leadership is sharper.
- I am anointed, empowered, equipped and called to reach people far from God.
- I am creative, innovative, driven, focused, and blessed beyond measure —because the Holy Spirit dwells within me.

To others - Speak Life

Look for opportunities to BLESS to speak life

If you think a good thought, say it!

- You are always so very helpful

- You are so thoughtful and considerate
- Every time I am around you I feel better and stronger as a believer
- Your life inspires me to love Jesus more
- Your presence in meetings always makes for a better more productive meeting
- I love the way you pray it inspires me
- Your marriage is a great godly example

YOUR WORDS ARE POWERFUL USE THEM TO HELP AND HEAL

### **Mrs Thompson - Story**

There is a story many years ago of a teacher. Her name was Mrs. Thompson. And as she stood in front of her fifth grade class on the very first day of school, she told the children a lie. Like most teachers, she looked at her students and said that she loved them all the same. But that was impossible, because there in the front row, slumped in his seat, was a little boy named Teddy Stoddard. Mrs.. Thompson had watched Teddy the year before and noticed that he didn't play well with the other children, that his clothes were messy and that he constantly needed a bath. And Teddy could be unpleasant. It got to the point where Mrs. Thompson would actually take delight in marking his papers with a broad red pen, made in bold X's and then putting a big "F" at the top of his papers.

At the school where Mrs.. Thompson taught, she was required to review each child's past records and she put Teddy's off until last. However, when she reviewed his file, she was in for a surprise. Teddy's first grade teacher wrote, "Teddy is a bright child with a ready laugh. He does his work neatly and has good manners...he is a joy to be around." His second grade teacher wrote, "Teddy is an excellent student, well liked by his classmates, but he is troubled because his mother has a terminal illness and life at home must be a struggle." His third grade teacher wrote, "His mother's death has been hard on him. He tries to do his best but his father doesn't show much interest and his home life will soon affect him if some steps aren't taken." Teddy's fourth grade teacher wrote, "Teddy is withdrawn and doesn't show much interest in school. He doesn't have many friends and sometimes sleeps in class."

By now, Mrs.. Thompson realised the problem and she was ashamed of herself. She felt even worse when her students brought her Christmas presents, wrapped in beautiful ribbons and bright paper, except for Teddy's. His present was clumsily wrapped in the heavy, brown

paper that he got from a grocery bag. Mrs.. Thompson took pains to open it in the middle of the other presents. Some of the children started to laugh when she found a rhinestone bracelet with some of the stones missing and a bottle that was one quarter full of perfume. But she stifled the children's laughter when she exclaimed how pretty the bracelet was. She put it on and dabbed some of the perfume on her wrist. Teddy Stoddard stayed after school that day just long enough to say, "Mrs.. Thompson, today you smelled just like my Mom used to." After the children left she cried for at least an hour. On that very day, she quit teaching reading, writing, and arithmetic; instead, she began to teach children. Mrs. Thompson paid particular attention to Teddy. As she worked with him, his mind seemed to come alive. The more she encouraged him, the faster he responded. By the end of the year, Teddy had become one of the smartest children in the class and, despite her lie that she would love all the children the same, Teddy became one of her "pets."

A year later, she found a note under her door, from Teddy, telling her that she was still the best teacher he ever had in his whole life. Six years went by before she got another note from Teddy. He then wrote that he had finished high school, third in his class, and she was still the best teacher he ever had in his whole life. Four years after that, she got another letter, saying that while things had been tough at times, he stayed in school, had stuck with it, and would soon graduate from college with the highest of honours. He assured Mrs.. Thompson that she was still the best and favourite teacher he ever had in his whole life.

Then four more years passed and yet another letter came. This time he explained that after he got his bachelor's degree, he decided to go a little further. The letter explained that she was still the best and favourite teacher he ever had. But now his name was a little longer. The letter was signed, Theodore F. Stoddard, M.D. The story doesn't end there. You see, there was yet another letter that spring. Teddy said he'd met this girl and was going to be married. He explained that his father had died a couple of years ago and he was wondering if Mrs.. Thompson might agree to sit in the place at the wedding that was usually reserved for the mother of the groom. Of course, Mrs.. Thompson did.

And guess what? She wore that bracelet, the one with several rhinestones missing. And she made sure she was wearing the perfume that Teddy

remembered his mother wearing on their last Christmas together. They hugged each other, and Dr. Stoddard whispered in Mrs. Thompson's ear, thank you, Mrs.. Thompson, for believing in me. Thank you so much for making me feel important and showing me that I could make a difference." Mrs.. Thompson, with tears in her eyes, whispered back. She said, "Teddy, you have it all wrong. You were the one who taught me that I could make a difference. I didn't know how to teach until I met you."

### **Daily Words to Speak**

- Jesus is first in my life. I exist to serve and glorify Him.
- I love my wife and will lay down my life to serve her.
- My children will love God and serve Him with their whole hearts. I will nurture, equip, train, and empower them to do more for His kingdom than they can imagine.
- I love people and believe the best about others.
- I am disciplined. Christ in me is stronger than the wrong desires in me.
- I am growing closer to Jesus every day. Because of Christ, my family is closer, my body is stronger, my faith is deeper, my leadership is sharper.
- I am anointed, empowered, equipped and called to reach people far from God.
- I am creative, innovative, driven, focused, and blessed beyond measure —because the Holy Spirit dwells within me.
- I develop leaders. That's not something I do. It's who I am.
- I raise up fully devoted followers of Christ. A radical army to fulfil Gods end time purposes.
- My words, thoughts, and imaginations are under the power of Christ. I take all thoughts captive and make them obedient to Christ.
- I wake up with purpose, direction, and meaning every day of my life.
- Pain is my friend. I rejoice in suffering because Christ suffered for me.
- I bring my best and then some. It's what I bring after I do my best that makes the difference.
- The world will be different and better because I served Jesus today.

### **Because of Jesus**

- I am a child of God. (Galatians 3:26)
- I am a spiritual contributor, not a spiritual consumer.
- I am alive. (Romans 6:11)
- I am a faith-filled, life-speaking, fully devoted follower of Christ.
- I am Christ's ambassador. (2 Corinthians 5:20)
- I am a masterpiece. (Ephesians 2:10)
- I am content in Christ alone.

- I am chosen. (Ephesians 1:4)
- I am determined to love God and people with everything I have.
- I am a child of God. (John 1:12-13)
- I am strengthened by God who upholds me, protects me, and defends me.
- I am joyful. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- I am gentle. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- I am not easily offended and will not hold onto bitterness.
- I am patient. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- I am faithful. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- I am self-controlled. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- I am kind. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- I am known—even before I was born. (Jeremiah 1:5)
- I am steady. (Psalm 91:1)
- I am not alone—God is with me.
- I am loved. (John 3:16)
- I am fierce in confidence and boldness because God is with me.
- I am free. (John 8:32)
- I am healed. (1 Peter 2:24)
- I am unashamed. (Romans 8:1)
- I am called and equipped to go after the righteous desires God puts in my heart.
- I am strong. (1 John 2:14)
- I am fearless. (Isaiah 43:5)
- I am secure. (John 10:28-29)
- I am not a people-pleaser because I answer to God first and seek to please Him.
- I am a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- I am not shaken. (Psalm 62:6)
- I am not stuck in worry because Jesus offers a peace this world cannot give.
- I am born again. (1 Peter 1:23)
- I am more than a conqueror. (Romans 8:37)
- I am named by God, not labeled by man.
- I am the light of the world. (Matthew 5:14)
- I am mighty in His power. (Ephesians 6:10)
- I am the Church and I exist for the world. (1 Corinthians 12:27)

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