

IS TALK CHEAP?

There is an old idiom that says “Talk is cheap”. It means that people can talk about a lot of things, but when it comes to acting out what they say, it is not so easy. Another one that fits along these lines is “Put your money where your mouth is”. In other words, it is a dare to someone who speaks a lot of words that don’t mean anything unless they can actually do what they are saying.

A third one is “Put up or shut up”, which tells a person to not speak if they cannot back up their speech with action. Still another saying is “actions speak louder than words”. Let’s look at this from a Biblical standpoint. Our words are extremely important. We do not realize this fact or we would take greater care what comes out of our mouths, that is for sure.



Paul says that the plan for the power of words spoken from the wisdom of God was designed from the beginning. When God created humans, He created them to speak. When God spoke, there was power to create, to change. He created us in His image and gave us the ability to speak. Our words also have power.

And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. I Corinthians 2:1-8 (KJV)

These Bible verses speak of wisdom. There is a wisdom inherent in the natural man that comes through the mind. But there is also a wisdom that comes through the spirit, which is from God. There is a difference. We can face every situation in life using the wisdom of man and think we are accomplishing something for God. Many believers live their entire life like this.

Many people feel the need to do things to prove their worth to God and to their fellow man. We have nothing to prove. The Truth is there is a difference between DOING and BEING. “In Him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28) When we understand our identity as children of the King, whatever we do comes out of a state of BEING in Him and one with Him.

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The DOING, out of a state of BEING, is much different than just doing from our natural state. This is something our mind has a hard time comprehending, but one day it will come alive in our spirit and it will make a world of difference in our life.

This, in part, is what Paul is relaying to the Corinthians in his letter. What Paul does among them is not coming from his natural ability. He told them in fact, that his natural ability was weak and no one came to hear him because he was a natural born wonder at speaking. I wonder how many people flock to hear those who truly do have the gift of gab and flowery speech today, instead of flocking to those who truly have a word from God for this generation. Sad, very sad.

There is something else we need to notice from this passage. Paul talks about a demonstration of the Spirit and of power. Where does that demonstration come from? His hands? Hands represent DOING. We often read this passage and that is our thought. Don't get me wrong. Jesus said, as recorded in Mark, chapter 16, that we would lay hands on the sick and they would recover and other signs would follow us. But, in that same passage, we see that it all begins with words.

Here in I Corinthians chapter two, Paul says the power and the demonstration comes from his preaching, his words. His words did not come from the natural mind that through his flowery, scholarly words people were enticed to believe that Jesus was who He said He was. No. Those words came through the power of Holy Spirit that caused a demonstration of the truth that Jesus was who He said He was.

Your words when they come from your spirit (not your natural mind) have power. YOUR WORDS. The wisdom you obtain through fellowship with your Heavenly Father, has power and authority and can be demonstrated. To demonstrate means "to give proof of the truth being spoken".

When we spend time with the Father, He reveals truths that are hidden from the natural mind. There are mysteries in God that can only be understood through the spirit, not the mind. When we speak truth from the mysteries of God He reveals, most people will not understand or accept because they are trying to understand with their minds. It sometimes takes time to receive the truth with the spirit.

The King James version says that Paul spoke the truth to those who were "perfect". That Greek word would be better translated as "complete" or "mature". Those who are mature in hearing the voice of God and understanding the heart of God will understand the truth of the mysteries of God.

Our words whether spoken or written have tremendous power. Never forget that fact. When I was young, I was taught through religion that speaking in tongues was from the devil. I wanted nothing to do with it. Then one day I picked up a book to read not knowing that the topic of speaking in tongues would be a part of this book. As I read this book, I developed such a hunger to know if it was real. If it was, I wanted it.

That book and the words of that book burned in me like a fire and I could not let it go. I sought for truth until I found it and allowed it to have a demonstration of power in my life. Words have power, if they come from Holy Spirit, no matter what form those words come forth. They could be spoken or written. They could be taped or live.

They could be face-to-face or on camera. Words are words and they have power and can be demonstrated.

Pray that your words will be from the spirit and not the mind. Pray that there are hearts who will hear your words and they will be received by their spirit, not just their minds. Pray that those who hear the words with their spirit will allow those words to change them through a demonstration of power.

Paul found the key to the use of words with power and demonstration. It is found in verse two. The Passion Bible says it this way:

***For while I was with you I was determined to be consumed with one topic—
Jesus, the crucified Messiah. I Corinthians 2:2 (TPT)***

If we are consumed with our Lord, we will speak (or write) the truth and the mysteries of God and our words will have power and prove the truth of what we say. Maybe not at that exact moment, but they will begin to do a work in the hearts of those who hear or read those words. Those words can come in the form of a telephone conversation, a text, a YouTube or Rumble video, a conversation between two people or a group, teaching, or many other forms. It doesn't matter. God gave us language and it has power. We need to use it wisely.

I do love the way the Passion Bible speaks throughout this entire passage. It is worth reading over and over again. Be blessed and let your words count. The words that come through your spirit from God are NOT cheap. They are pure gold!

My brothers and sisters, when I first came to proclaim to you the secrets of God, I refused to come as an expert, trying to impress you with my eloquent speech and lofty wisdom. For while I was with you I was determined to be consumed with one topic—Jesus, the crucified Messiah. I stood before you feeling inadequate, filled with reverence for God, and trembling under the sense of the importance of my words. The message I preached and how I preached it was not an attempt to sway you with persuasive arguments but to prove to you the almighty power of God's Holy Spirit. For God intended that your faith not be established on man's wisdom but by trusting in his almighty power. However, there is a wisdom that we continually speak of when we are among the spiritually mature. It's wisdom that didn't originate in this present age, nor did it come from the rulers of this age who are in the process of being dethroned. Instead, we continually speak of this wonderful wisdom that comes from God, hidden before now in a mystery. It is his secret plan, destined before the ages, to bring us into glory. None of the rulers of this present world order understood it, for if they had, they never would have crucified the Lord of shining glory. I Corinthians 2:1-8 (TPT)