



CONFESSIONS OF
**GOD'S
WORD**

Discipleship Series



A Word from the Senior Pastor....

We are building a culture of faith in New Life. Faith brings into reality our hopes and dreams and releases the supernatural into our lives. The word of God exhorts us to ‘fight the good fight of faith’, and the gospel which is the power of God for salvation, is ‘a gospel of righteousness by faith from first to last’.

The culture of faith in New Life, Petaling Jaya is characterized by the following, using the acronym of the first six letters of the Roman alphabet A,B,C,D,E,F:

- A – Acts of the Holy Spirit
- B – Blessing one another
- C – Confessions of God’s Word**
- D – Divine Health and Healing
- E – Evangelism as a way of life
- F – Financial blessing

It is my hope that we will join our hearts together to build this culture of faith in New Life so that our church will be a place where God is powerfully at work in every life.

*James 3:4-6 says: “.....take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, **the tongue** is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one’s life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.”*

Let's get our position right and see God's power and reality work through our lives as we believe and practice what we are about to learn, in this study on "**Confessions of God's Word**".

The Best is yet to come!

Love,

Pastor Ron



CONFESSION OF GOD'S WORD Unleash The Power Of Spoken Blessings

Today's Manna

Romans 10:8-10 "But what does it say? The word is near you, in your mouth, and in your heart; that is, the word of faith, which we preach: that if you will confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart, one believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Bill Gothard, founder and president of the highly effective Institute in Basic Life Principles attributes much of his success to the power of spoken blessings.

He wrote, "At the close of a recent seminar, a teenager came and asked to speak with me. Under court supervision, she'd had several brushes with the law. I counseled and prayed with her. Later she wrote me this note: "You helped me see my need to give God my will but then you also prayed and in your prayer you blessed me. That was the first time I had even been blessed. That blessing has exhorted me to live up to what you said. My life has taken a drastic 180 degree turn! I am amazed by what God actually said in His Word. I have never had understanding like I have now when it comes to reading His Word. The blessing you gave me started all this and I don't know how to thank you.""

The power of spoken blessings is highlighted throughout the Bible. In the first chapter of Genesis, God created the universe by speaking it into being. He calls things that are not as though they were.

He created Adam and Eve and blessed them to be fruitful and populate the earth and rule over all creation. This spoken blessing has since come to pass as the world's population reached six billion, scattered throughout every part of the earth.

The patriarchs in the Old Testament, the fathers and tribal leaders, were given the authority to bless their descendants. Before he



passed away, Jacob gathered his sons and he prophetically blessed each of his twelve sons. The destinies of the twelve tribes of Israel were spoken into being. God will use His ordained leaders and authorities (including parents and pastors) to release man's destiny by spoken blessings.

God commanded Moses to tell Aaron and his sons (priests of Israel) to proclaim protection, grace, favour and peace on the people of Israel. When the blessings are spoken, God said that His Name will be placed upon the people and God Himself will bless the Israelites.

It is with this strong conviction of the power of spoken blessings that I gather the church to the altar to receive a blessing from me who is their spiritual father and leader.

I encourage our folks to hold hands and bless one another as a prophetic symbol of our oneness as Jesus prayed in John 17, "that they may be one and God is one."

Christians must understand and believe that they too can proclaim and declare blessings as God has ordained them to be His royal priests.⁴ The Lord recognized this spiritual stature of his disciples and commanded them to bless the homes that received them.

The Bible tells us that Jesus is the high priest of our confession. That means, instead of the blood of lambs and goats, He takes what we proclaim before the throne of God and these are what will be established in the heavens. Whatever is established in heaven will be established on earth. Our proclamations, declarations and confessions are powerful and we want to establish these as a culture of the church.

References:

1. Romans 4:17
2. Genesis 1:28
3. Numbers 6:22-27
4. 1 Peter 2:9
5. Luke 10:5
6. Hebrews 3:1

- Contributed by Pr Ron Hee -

My Reflections

1. The most powerful proclamations and declarations are those that God has placed in each of our hearts (Romans 10:8-10).

What has God put in your hearts for the following?

-Your children

-Your spouse

-Your church

-Your nation

On a sheet of paper, write down a blessing proclamation that God has put in your heart for the person on your right. Take turns to read out the blessing and give that paper to that person as a reminder that you have proclaimed a blessing over him/her.

2. Getting two or more persons to pray, proclaim and declare a blessing over you is very powerful and we should be eager to ask others in the body of Christ to bless us. Think of a situation in your own life which needs a blessing.

For example, you need a new job or one of your loved ones is not well or you need to business breakthrough. Volunteer to be the subject and stand in the middle where the other cell members can proclaim blessings on you for that particular area. You will find that spoken blessings are powerful and your breakthrough will surely come.



Day 2

BELIEVING IN OUR GOD-INSPIRED DECLARATIONS

Confess with your mouth and believe in your
heart

Today's Manna

Romans 10:10 "...For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved."

"Christianity is called the 'Great Confession.' Confession is affirming something that we believe. It is testifying of something that we know. It is witnessing for a truth that we have embraced....You cannot confess or witness about things you do not know.... It is what you know personally about Jesus Christ and what you are in Christ that counts."

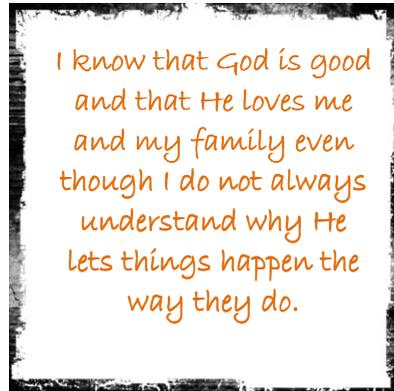
"The Power of Our Words" by Don Gossett & E.W. Kenyon. Chapter

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My wife, Amy, passed away in 2003. She was about to turn 33. She left behind with me Andrea, who was 6+ and Esther 4+. I loved Amy dearly. My world had crumbled around me; I lost interest in my work and even life itself. I was in despair and was struggling to find meaning in my life. What do I say to my children when they ask, "Where did mommy go?" What hope do I have to believe that there will be better days ahead?

I had to change my confession. I had to confess HOPE in the Lord instead of despair.

“We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield. In him, our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in you alone.”
(Psalm 33:20-22)



I believe that God is good. Even when we pass from this earth we do not die for we have eternal life (John 3:16). We continue on in heaven free from pain, strife, sickness and diseases. I believe that Amy is in a better place. I know that God is good and that He loves me and my family even though I do not always understand why He lets things happen the way they do. I know, because I have a love relationship with Him. He is my Heavenly Father, and I trust that He will always know what is best for me.

It is through these confessions that I was able to carry on. Today, eight years later, I have remarried. A new wife and mother is grafted into my family by the grace of God. Felicia is a good mother and she has borne me a son, whom we named Joshua. God is GOOD.

- Contributed by Bro. Gary Liew -

My Reflections

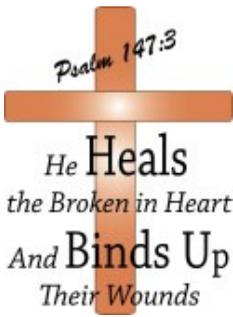
1. Have you encountered a situation in your life where you lost hope? How did you deal with it?

2. What we believe and confess when we are in a hopeless situation will affect the way we feel and how things will turn out in the future. When we confess fear and doubts, it gives Satan dominion. When we confess hope in God we build faith and give God room to change our lives.

Where do you find help in the Word of God to change what you believe about your future? Some examples:

Jeremiah 29:11, Philippians 4:13, Romans 6:14... any others?

3. To believe in God is to trust Him, we can't trust someone we don't know. Use His Word as the basis of our confession. How do you build your trust in God and help others to do so? (Hint: Our testimonies)



**DECLARATIONS AND CONFESSIONS OF HEALING
THAT DEFEAT CONDEMNATIONS**

Keep Confessing and Praying

Today's Manna

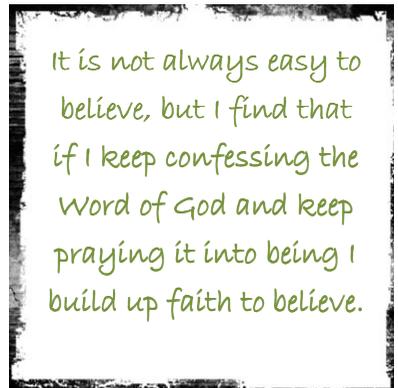
Romans 8:31-32 "What, then shall we SAY in response to these things? If God is for us who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"

The secret to end our worries & fears lies in our confessions. When we begin to confess God's Lordship in our lives, we change the direction of our destiny from death to life, from failure to success, from poverty to riches, from hate to love and from fear to faith.

In mid 2010 I had a lump on my chest. My late wife, Amy, had passed away of cancer in March 2003. I can still remember what she went through. My mind speculated with all kinds of thoughts, and I would be lying to you if I said I was not fearful. When I saw the doctor, he said that if I was worried about it he could cut it out although it doesn't look malignant. When I asked what caused it, he did not know. I wanted to use this is an opportunity for me to exercise some faith.

Romans 8:15 says, “The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again, rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”

So what do I say ‘in response to all these things?’ I say, “If God is for us, who can be against us?” I say, “NO, in all these things we are more than CONQUERORS through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8: 37-39); I say, “the Spirit of Him who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to my (your) mortal body (bodies) through His Spirit, who live in me (you).” (Acts 8:11)



It is not always easy to believe, but I find that if I keep confessing the Word of God and keep praying it into being I build up faith to believe.

After a few months of confessing, “by His stripes I am healed” (1 Peter 2:24) and commanding the lump to recede and disappear, the lump receded and disappeared without me having to go for any treatment. It was the work of the Holy Spirit whom I called on when I was fearful.

Now, I am not prescribing that we avoid treatments when we are sick. The point is to choose to believe, to choose faith and to choose to confess (to say) the Word of God (and rely on His Spirit) whether we go or not go for treatments.

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Remember the father with the possessed son, who said in Mark 9:22-24, *“Have mercy on us and help us if you can.”* Jesus asked, *“What do you mean, ‘if I can?’ Anything is possible if a person believes.”* The father instantly cried out, *“I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!”*

It may not be an issue of healing that you are dealing with in your life. It may be an issue of condemnation. The enemy may be accusing you of not being a good enough husband, wife, father, mother and child, friend or leader. The truth is *“there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life has set me free from the law of sin and death.”* (Romans 8:1)

We can't change what was in the past but we can change the destiny of our future if we CHOOSE what we SAY and BELIEVE.

- Contributed by Bro. Gary Liew -

My Reflections

1. Share an experience where you had to deal with sickness or condemnations in your life.

2. How will what we read and discuss in this lesson change the way we approach similar situations in the future? What will you choose to say and believe?

3. We go through challenges everyday in our lives. How do we become “more than conquerors” in every challenge? Read Romans 8: 37-39. Choose an encouraging word from the Bible to confess together as a Cell Group as you end the lesson.



**DECLARATIONS AND CONFESSIONS
THAT CHANGE OUR PERSPECTIVE**
Keeping our focus on the mission

Today's Manna

Acts 4:19-20 "Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than Him? We **cannot stop telling** of what we have seen and heard"

Peter and John were "ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures". In the Amplified Bible, it is said of them: "common men with no educational advantages." (Acts 4:13). The people who apprehended them for preaching Jesus were leaders - people in high position, powerful and learned. But these people were amazed by the boldness and miracles that Peter & John performed (i.e. healing a crippled man and converting the souls of 5000 men and 3000 before that, not counting women & children).

We too may think that we are ordinary men or women with no special training or unlearned, but there is also another similarity that we have with Peter and John. We are people who "had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13).

Being with Jesus will change our perspective. The more we know Him, the more we want to become like Him, our purpose in life changes. It is no more just about moving ahead in our career, getting

rich, and getting a better future for our children. Once we understand His love for us and the weight of His sacrifice, we are so touched that we are compelled to tell the Good News.

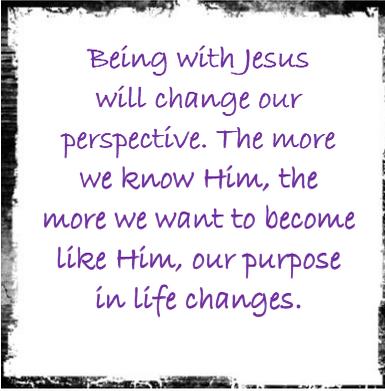
Paul said in 1 Corinthians 9:16, *“yet preaching the Good News is not something I can boast about. I am compelled by God to do it. How terrible for me if I didn’t preach the Good News.”*

What is the Good News? It is that Jesus has paid the price of our sins by dying on the cross. If we repent of our sins and turn to God we will receive forgiveness of our sins, everlasting life, and the Holy Spirit will help us live a victorious life. Our lives here on earth will be so insignificant compared to the life that we have in God. What we decide today and what we do with our lives here and now, have eternal consequences.

Jesus said in Luke 4:18-19, 22, *“The spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord’s favour has come....The Scripture you’ve just heard has been fulfilled this very day!”*

The day of the Lord’s favour is here. We are the favoured people of God no matter what the surrounding circumstances.

It does not matter if we feel that our rights are curbed by the restrictions that the Government is putting on the use of the word



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“Allah”, and the distribution of Bahasa bibles in the country. It does not matter if some small extremist group in the country were trying to burn down churches. It does not matter if Ibrahim of Perkasa is accusing us of “challenging the sovereignty and dignity of Malays and Muslims” and wanting to wage a

crusade against Christians (Star May 16, 2011, N14 ‘Ibrahim not the voice of Malays’).

We do not have to confess negatively that all is doom and gloom in Malaysia and leave the country or keep our children from returning home when they finish their education overseas.

We need to rise up like Peter and John and say, “we cannot stop telling of what we have seen and heard”. This is a crucial time for Malaysia and we are placed here by God for a purpose and reason.

We have a choice, to run down this country with our words or say, *“the spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord’s favour has come.”*

This is a season of opportunities, the Government is encouraging the return of Malaysian talents overseas (giving tax and other incentives) and encouraging foreign talents, and native English

teachers to come to Malaysia. Malaysia is God's mission field. We should encourage those who have left to return to do the work. He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." (Luke 10:2). In our quest to do missions around the world, let's not forget our own backyard.

"For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland." (Isaiah 43:19)

Will you be His prophetic voice to usher in this new move of God?

- Contributed by Bro Gary Liew -

My Reflections

1. Many of us do not find it easy to share the Good News, especially in the face of opposition. Why is this so? How do we overcome this and make it easier for ourselves?

What perspective should we take under such circumstances?
See how the believers prayed in the face of opposition. Read Acts 4:23-31.

2. If we were asked by our neighbour, "what is the Good News?" how would we share it? What is your personal testimony?

3. Take time to plan a "Matthew party" to share the love of God, the Good News and our testimony.



DECLARATIONS AND CONFESSIONS The weapons for warfare

Today's Manna

1 John 3:8b "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

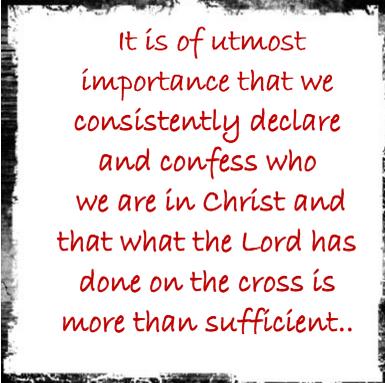
Like it or not, we are enlisted into spiritual warfare the moment we become a Christian. In Ephesians Chapter Six, we are exhorted to put on the whole spiritual armour of God. We are warring not against flesh and blood but against spiritual forces dead intent to destroy the body of Christ.

Deception is one of the most deadly weaponry against Christians today. It adulterates our Christian belief system and faith, ultimately leading us to compromise our spiritual health, rendering us ineffective in serving God.

"The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons" (1 Timothy 4:1).

A good example is Adam and Eve who gave in to temptation and surrendered the mandate of rulership of God's creation to the enemy. In yielding to the serpent's suggestions, Adam and Eve abdicated dominion over God's creation at the Fall (John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11). However the death, resurrection and ascension of Christ secured forever the final authority for Jesus (Mathew 28:18). The authority was extended to all believers in the Great Commission so that we may continue His work of destroying the works of the devil (1 John 3:8).

After the Fall of Adam and Eve, we all were born spiritually dead and subject to the ruler of this world whom Paul called “the prince of the power of the air” (Ephesians 2:2). But when we received Christ, God delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son (Colossians 1:13). Our citizenship was changed from earthly to heavenly (Philippians 3:20), Satan is the ruler of the world but he is no longer our ruler, for Christ is our Lord now.



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Although spiritual warfare is often more noticeable during actual power encounters such as deliverance but more often than not it happens in our daily lives which is easily unnoticeable until damage is already done. Paul says we are not to be ignorant of Satan’s schemes (2 Corinthians 2:11). Those who underestimate the enemy will likely blame themselves or God when something goes wrong and often feel hopeless when we can’t find a solution or remain angry towards God. Either way we are cheated of a victory which the Bible tells us is our birthright. The enemy prefers to operate under covert lest he will be found out and exposed.

The practice of regular Declaration and Confession of God’s word is one of the tools which will help to counter spiritual forces that seek to undermine our spiritual growth. In modern day living we often try to fix things using our human abilities. The result is often unsatisfactory and not lasting. Christians remain “neutralized”, ineffective for Jesus - spiritually stunted in growth, and unfruitful.

The bible tells us to be Overcomers. In order to maintain our victory, we need to be right before the Lord, we need to seek the Lord

always, and repent, as a lifestyle, from areas in our lives that may not be pleasing before the eyes of God, seeking counsel from church leaders to help us overcome. Additionally, we ought to regularly exercise Declaration and Confession¹, and be busy and pre-occupied with things of God which will help us to be free from an idle mind, which is an easy target for the enemy's traps.

Henceforth the power of declaration and confession lies within the words uttered from our mouth: we renounce the work of Satan in our lives and confess that we are now in Christ Jesus, that the power of the enemy has no more hold in us. We are subject no longer to the yoke of slavery. We need only to appropriate the following into our lives: the complete work of Jesus, and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is seated at the right hand of God the Father as our Advocate, against all the condemnations from the enemy. It is of utmost importance that we consistently declare and confess who we are in Christ, and that what the Lord has done on the cross is more than sufficient, whatever we bind on earth shall be bound and whatever we loose shall be released.

- Contributed by Bro Gary Goh -

Refer Appendix 1 for declarations on "My Identity In Christ..." , pg. 26-27

My Reflections

1. Prior to this, perhaps you may and may not have heard the concept of “Declarations and Confessions – The Weapons for Warfare”. Describe your personal understanding or beliefs or even just your impression of this concept.

2. In overcoming personal strongholds or issues what other personal disciplines or measures that might be help you in becoming an overcomer? (eg. The Word of God, Accountability, Regular Repentance, Serving, Speaking in Tongues etc...)

3. Share some of your victories in exercising Declarations and Confessions as a tool to overcome certain spiritual hurdles that otherwise may have affected your growth or service unto the Lord.



Day 6

LOVE HAS A VOICE

Say it!

Today's Manna

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing."

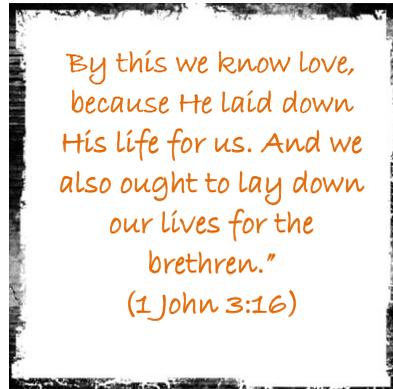
Today's scripture tells us that no matter how noble, sacrificial or spiritual our deeds, they are absolutely unprofitable if they are done without love. In my over 30 years of Christian life, one major truth I have discovered is, what is done in love will yield much fruit and release great power. I have seen how a big goitre on the neck of a Myanmar man disappeared overnight after prayer even though I had so little faith. I did remember however that I prayed for him out of a heart overflowing with much love and compassion.

Friends, Prayers, Confessions, Prophecies and Declarations spoken out of love have great power to bring healing and life into situations.

One Church sister testified that when she overcame shyness and cultural reservations to finally gave voice to the love that she felt in her heart for her mother and said 'I love you, mom!', God brought healing and reconciliation to their relationship which has been rocky in the past due to misunderstandings.

When he was a young Christian, internationally well known healing evangelist, Mahesh Chavda, worked at the Lubbock State School for Retarded Children in Texas. Despite the severity of the children's conditions, he discovered that many of them improved significantly as he prayed, sang and spoke in tongues out of a heart of love that God has given him for the children. In his own words, Mahesh Chavda said, 'Only Love can make a miracle'.

Like Mahesh Chavda, I believe the power of God is found in the love of God. When we are willing to be ambassadors of love for God and His people, He will entrust us with His power. Jesus loved us so much that he was willing to die on the cross for our sins. God was willing to entrust him with power and Jesus went about healing the sick and delivering people from demonic oppression.



"...how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." (Act 10:38)

Love must have a voice. We cannot keep silent. We are saved when we confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God has raised Him from the dead. (Romans 10:9)

- Contributed by Pr Ron Hee -

My Reflections

1. God is love. We may not hear Him audibly but the Bible is full of His promises of love for His children. One of them is in **Romans 8:31** *“... Nothing Can Separate Us from God’s Love. What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?”*

Our experiences of God’s love varies from individual to individual. Share a personal experience you have with God’s love.

2. Do you have a situation that you think confessing your love for someone (be it a friend or a family member) will bring healing and reconciliation? What will encourage you to take the action? Identify a hindrance.

3. Spend some time to pray and seek the Lord to search and purify your (our) heart. As it is written in **Ephesians 4:2**, *“Always be **humble** and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love”*. Who do you feel that God would like you to take a step of loving action?

Appendix 1

(Taken from "The Bondage Breaker" by Neil T Anderson, pg. 248-249)

MY IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Recommendations: Repeatedly Mediate, Read out loud, rejoice in the truth

I renounce the lie that I am rejected, dirty or shameful because in Christ I am completely accepted. God says...

I am God's child (*John 1:12*)

I am Christ's friend (*John 15:5*)

I am united with the Lord and I am one spirit with Him
(*1 Corinthians 6:17*)

I Have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit
(*Ephesians 2:18*)

I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins
(*Colossians 1:14*)

I renounce the lie that I am guilty, unprotected, alone, or abandoned because in Christ I am totally secure. God says...

I am free forever from condemnation (*Romans 8:1,2*)

I cannot be separated from the love of God
(*Romans 8:35-39*)

I am confident that the good work God has begun in me will be perfected (*Philippians 3:20*)

I have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind (*2Timothy 1:7*)

I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me (*1John 5:18*)

I renounce the lie that I am worthless, inadequate, helpless, or hopeless because in Christ I am deeply significant. God says...

I am the salt of the earth and the light of the world (*Matthew 5:13, 14*)

I have been chosen and appointed by God to bear fruit (*John 15:16*)

I am God's workmanship, created for good works (*Ephesians 2:10*)

I may approach God with freedom and confidence (*Ephesians 3:12*)

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!
(*Philippians 4:13*)

Appendix 2

(Taken from “The Power of Our Words” by Don Gossett & EW Kenyon, pg. 192-196)

MY NEVER AGAIN LIST

Never again will I confess “I can’t” for “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” Philippians 4:13.

Never again will I confess lack, for “My God shall supply all my need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” Philippians 4:19.

Never again will I confess fear, for “God hath not given me the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind” II Timothy 1:7.

Never again will I confess doubt and lack of faith, for “God hath given to every man the measure of faith” Roman 12:3.

Never again will I confess weakness, for “The Lord is the strength of my life” Psalm 27:1, and “The people that know their God shall be strong and do exploits” Daniel 11:32.

Never again will I confess supremacy of Satan over my life, for “Greater is He that is within me than he that is in the world” I John 4:4.

Never again will I confess defeat, for “God always causeth me to triumph in Christ Jesus” II Corinthians 2:14.

Never again will I confess lack of wisdom, for “Christ Jesus is made unto me wisdom from God” I Corinthians 1:30.

Never again will I confess sickness, for “with His stripes I am healed” Isaiah 53:5, and Jesus “Himself took my infirmities and bare my sickness” Matthew 8:17.

Never again will I confess worries and frustration, for I am “Casting

all my cares upon Him who careth for me” I Peter 5:7. in Christ I am “Care-free!”

Never again will I confess bondage, for “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty” II Corinthians 3:17. My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit!

Never again will I confess condemnation, for “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus” Romans 8:1. I am in Christ; therefore, I am free from condemnation.

Never again will I confess loneliness. Jesus said, “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world” Matthew 28:20 and “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” Hebrews 13:5.

Never again will I confess curses and bad luck, for, “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith” Galatians 3:13-14.

Never again will I confess discontent because “I have learned, in whatsoever state (circumstance) I am, therewith to be content” Philippians 4:11.

Never again will I confess unworthiness because “He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him” II Corinthians 5:21.

Never again will I confess confusion because “God is not the author of confusion, but of peace” I Corinthians 14:33, and “We have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God, that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God” I Corinthians 2:12.

Never again will I confess persecution, for “If God be for us, who can be against us?” Roman 8:31.

Never again will I confess the dominion of sin over my life because “The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death” Romans 8:2, and “As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us” Psalm 103:12.

Never again will I confess insecurity because “When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid; yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet... for the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken” Proverbs 3:24-26.

Never again will I confess failure because, “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us” Romans 8:37.

Never again will I confess frustration, for “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee” Isaiah 26:3.

Never again will I confess fear of the future, “But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him, but God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit” I Corinthians 2:9-10.

Never again will I confess troubles because Jesus said, “In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” John 16:33.

Appendix 3

(Taken from “The Power of Our Words” by Don Gossett & EW Kenyon, pg. 197-198)

FAITH EXERCISE

Talk The Way You Would Like To Be And You Will Be The Way You Talk

You confess Jesus as Lord “unto salvation” Romans 10:10. You confess Him first, then God acts to recreate your spirit. This Speaking Forth Principle is clearly seen in scripture. “Even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were” Romans 4:17. God spoke the Word first, then His acts of creation came into being. You speak, then you possess. You talk the way you would like to be and you will be the way you talk.

“That the communication of thy faith may become effectual, by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus” Philemon 6. Your faith becomes effectual by your acknowledging or speaking forth every good thing in you in Christ Jesus. You speak, then reality comes.

“We then also having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, therefore have I spoken; we also believe, therefore do we speak” II Corinthians 4:13. In order for your faith to be activated, you speak forth!

Do you desire to be healthy? Then speak the healthgiving scriptures. When you talk the Word, Proverbs 4:22 assures that this Word-living process will produce “healthy mind, healthy eyes, nose, mouth, heart, blood vessels, nerves, bones, organs.” When you have a health problem speak to that mountain, Jesus declared, and you” shall have whatsoever you say” (Mark 11:23)

Do you desire to be a strong Christian? “Let the weak say, I am strong” Joel 3:10. It is not the strong who affirms he is strong, but

the weak. It is talk first, then you become in reality. That's the faith way to please God.

Do you desire to be a loving person? Then talk that way because "the love of God is shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Ghost" Romans 5:5. Do you desire to be successful? Then speak success. Do you wish to be bold in Christ? Then talk boldly for "the righteous are bold as a lion" Proverbs 28:1.

Our Church's Culture of Faith



Acts of the Holy Spirit

We believe that permanent change can only come when a person encounters God and be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is our desire that the Holy Spirit be given prominence in all our services and gatherings and we will pray that He will powerfully touch lives and perform miracles

Blessing one another

Like the lyrics of one of the praise songs, we desire to be a people who are 'so blessed that we cannot contain it'. We start by blessing one another at the end of every Sunday service where we hold hands and bless the persons to our right and our left. Holding hands helps to break down emotional walls and is also a prophetic sign of synergy and unity that commands God's blessings upon the church.

(Genesis 12:2-3) "I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

(Psalm 133:1-3) How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony! For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil that was poured over Aaron's head, that ran down

his beard and onto the border of his robe. Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion. And there the Lord has pronounced His blessing, even life everlasting.

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Faith is birthed by the Holy Spirit in our hearts and confessions of our lips will release it into being/reality.

“For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.” (Romans 10:10)

God formed the world through proclamations of faith (Read Genesis 1:1-3).

As the Holy Spirit hovers over the formless earth in the beginning, we believe in the hovering presence of the Holy Spirit over every gathering. He will put God's will and desire in our hearts and we are to declare it prophetically.

Examples of declaration:

“I believe that we serve a good God and He wants to give us a great life. I believe we are blessed to be a blessing to others.” (Genesis 12:1-3; John 10:10)

“God has a wonderful plan to give us a great future. My future is bright and filled with hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

Divine Health and Healing

We believe that being saved does not only refer to 'going to heaven' but it encompasses all aspects of life including the power to walk in divine health and the power to receive healing for our sick bodies and souls.

(Romans 8:11) "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

The Bible tells us that Jesus focused His ministry on teaching, healing and setting people free from demonic bondages. We believe that healing is one of the primary areas where God's power can be evidently demonstrated to unbelievers to bring them to salvation and knowledge of God.

When God delivered the Israelites out of Egypt, He kept them in divine health despite the harsh conditions of the wilderness. He also brought them out with silver and gold, And there was none feeble among His tribes. (Psalm 105:37)

Evangelism as a way of life

The church exists to win the lost. Jesus gave this paramount commission to His church just before He returned to heaven.

(Matthew 28:19-20) "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Over the last year or so, our church has encouraged our members to 'win one more for Jesus' and 'Walk across the room'. Cell groups are encouraged to hold Matthew parties where fellowship meals or outings are used to connect with pre-Christians. Every church member has an 'Oikos' which include friends or relatives that they are in contact with. While cell groups are important to encourage and disciple one another in their walk with God, cell members are exhorted to continue their relationships with their 'Oikos' so that they can be won to the Lord in due time.

Financial blessing

(3 John 1:2) "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers."

It is our belief that God desires to bless His children in every aspect of their lives and that includes prosperity in our financial area. Besides removing the curse of sin and sickness, Jesus also removed the curse of poverty from us.

(Psalm 105:37) "He also brought them out with silver and gold, And there was none feeble among His tribes."

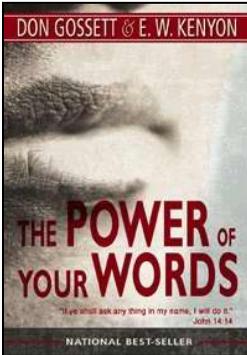
The Bible has many examples of God blessing His people materially and financially when they walk with God and are generous in their giving.

(Luke 6:38) "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

(Deuteronomy 8:18) "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day."



Develop Your Spiritual Muscles



The Power of Our Words

by Don Gossett & EW Kenyon

This book helps you to realize that there is nothing that equals the power of your words! If you lack in anything, tend to be your own worst enemy, or fail to accomplish what you say you will do, then this book will show you how to have strong faith, live in the positive, and possess what you confess.

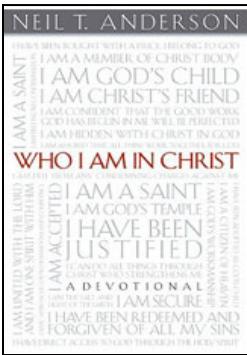
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Who I Am In Christ

by Neil T Anderson

Who I am in Christ. God never gives up on us. He remains steadfast in His desire to bless us, even when many of us are tempted to doubt His love. The great tragedy is that so many of us spend our lives trying to earn something we already have the gift of life which God freely gives us when we decide to follow Christ.

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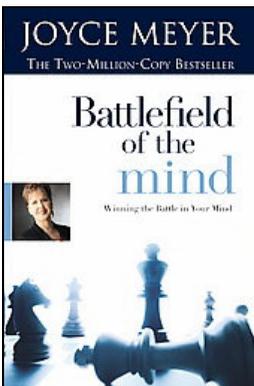


Battlefield of The Mind

by Joyce Meyer

Worry, doubt, confusion, depression, anger and feelings of condemnation: all these are attacks on the mind. If readers suffer from negative thoughts, they can take heart! Joyce Meyer has helped millions win these all-important battles. In her most popular bestseller ever, the beloved author and minister shows readers how to change their lives by changing their minds.

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