

WORD OF THE DAY



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*"Death and life are in the **power of the tongue**: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."*

Privileged **Words** of Power



Words are powerful. Words have the power to create, destroy, and transform. The world was created by God through the spoken word. A sinner's life can be transformed by calling upon the Lord Jesus' name to be saved. And furthermore, through a written word, a judge may impose a sentence on a citizen resulting in their freedom being taken away. As a result of the creative power of words, things that do not exist can be brought into existence. Additionally, the power of words is such that they can transform existing things into new ones. Finally, words also possess a destructive quality, which means that they can have adverse effects.

Levels of power. The power of a word is determined by who is saying it. If I sent a letter to a foreign nation stating "I declare war on you", the level of power and authority would be quite different than if the President of the United States of America sent those same words. Because the President has greater authority than you or I, their words carry a significant amount of weight and power. Although there are different levels of authority associated with words, all words carry some level of power. While I may not be able to create war through my written declaration to a foreign nation since I do not possess an army, my words could destroy my ability to visit that nation as they would likely revoke my visitation privileges.

God's Power(word) in you. Due to the fact that we are all created in the image of God, all words carry a certain amount of power regardless of the authority of the speaker. For the unregenerate sinner, a more distorted and broken image of their creator limits the authority of their words. However as believers, there is a potential for a greater authority backing our words because God reminds us that His words will not return void; meaning that they will accomplish their intended purpose. The creative words of God were placed in Apostle Paul in order for him to speak and establish churches throughout Asia Minor. It was the destructive words of God spoken through Peter to Ananias and Sapphira which led to their death for lying to the church. And it was the transformative words of God put in the mouth of Moses to speak to Pharaoh and transform the condition of the Hebrew children from slavery to freedom. As obedient children of God, let us align ourselves under the authority of our Lord so that He may put His creative, transformative, and destructive words in our mouths for His glory.

-Your brother in Christ, WNL

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"While freedom of speech has **benefits, awareness of one's privileged **power** of speech, is **better**."**

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, thank you for reminding me that because you have power, my words also have power. Help me to focus on the powerful creative, transformative, and destroying privilege that my words carry; and may my word choice encourage you to grant me greater authority in your Kingdom. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.



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