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YOU CAN HAVE WHAT YOU SAY

What is in your heart will eventually come out of your mouth (Matt. 12:34). That's why the Bible says, **"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life"** (Prov. 4:23). What you say locates you.

To show you what I mean, let's look again at the account of Mark 5 of the woman with the issue of blood.

MARK 5:25-34

"25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, 26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, 27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. 28 For she SAID, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. 29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. 30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' 31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? 32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. 33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. 34 And he said unto her, Daughter, THY FAITH HATH MADE THEE WHOLE; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague."

Let's focus our attention on Mark 5:28: **"For she SAID, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be Whole ..."**

What the woman with the issue of blood said, located her. And that is why she received her petition from Jesus. Because her faith had located her Jesus said unto her, in Mark 5:34, **"Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague."**

Now: let's look at another verse which illustrates the connection between saying and receiving from God.

You Can Have What You Say

Mark 11:23

“23 For verily I say unto you that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed and be thou into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; HE SHALL HAVE WHATSOEVER HE SAITH.”

You can have what you say! The Bible says about the woman with the issue of blood ***“For she said...”*** (Mark 5:28), and that woman received exactly what she said. What you say is your faith speaking. We know that is true because Jesus said to the woman, ***“thy faith hath made thee whole...”*** (Mark 5:34). You can have what you say. The woman in Mark chapter 5 received exactly what she said.

An Evil Report vs. A Good Report

Another wonderful proof that you can have what you say is found in the Old Testament in Numbers chapter 13 where we read how Israel came to Kadesh-Barnea and Moses sent the twelve spies into Canaan to spy out the land. The Bible says that ten of them brought back an evil report, and that two of them brought back a good report (Num. 13:32; 14:6-9). Well, what is an *evil report* anyway? It is *a report of doubt*. What is a *good report*? A good report is *a report of faith*.

Ten of the spies said that there were giants in the land. When we analyze what they were saying, we see that they were simply saying that even though God had told them He was giving them the land, they couldn't take the land. They were affirming that they were not able to possess the land even though God had already said they could. All of Israel accepted the majority report.

Someone once said that the majority is always right, but that is not a Bible truth. If you follow the majority of people - and I'm even talking about Full Gospel Christians - you'll walk in unbelief. When Israel accepted the majority report, they were also saying that they couldn't take the land. Remember, *you can have what you say, both negative and positive!* And they got exactly what they said. They believed that they couldn't take the land and they didn't.

After all, even when you doubt, you are believing something. But you're believing the wrong thing. You always receive and have in your life exactly what you believe for and what you say. If you don't believe what you're saying, then you don't have any business saying it.

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However, if you keep saying it long enough, your words will eventually register on your heart. And once those words register on your spirit, they will control your life.

These ten spies and all the rest of the Israelites got exactly what they *said*. They didn't enter the Promised Land. They wandered in the wilderness until they died. What they said came to pass. God told them they would have what they said (**Numbers 14:28-35**).

But Caleb said, **"... Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it"** (Num. 13:30). And in **Numbers 14** we read that Joshua had that same spirit of faith.

NUMBERS 14:8,9

"8 If the Lord delight in us, then he will bring us into this land and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. 9 Only rebel not ye against the Lord, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defense is departed from them, and the Lord is with us: fear them not."

NUMBERS 14:27-33

"27 How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me. 28 Say unto them, 'As truly as I live, saith the Lord, AS YE HAVE SPOKEN IN MINE EARS, SO WILL I DO TO YOU: 29 Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me, 30 doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I swore to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. 31 But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised. 32 But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness. 33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness."

The Israelites said that there were giants in the land and that all the Israelites were as grasshoppers in their own sight. But Caleb and Joshua said that God was well able to deliver the giants into their hands! Caleb and Joshua *said* that they were well able to possess the Promised Land. The other ten spies *said* they couldn't. And they all got what they said!

Locating People by What They Say

Many people ask why they can't get healed. It is because they've already said they can't. Their words give them away. You can locate people's faith by what they say.

Your confession locates you. Most of the time you should try to get a confession from people before praying for them. You should ask them if they will be healed when you lay hands on them and pray. Many say that they *hope they will be healed* and then we have to tell them that they won't because they are in *hope* and not in *faith*. Those that give a quick confession that is charged with faith receive almost instantly.

Some make a confession with a little bit of hesitancy. But that hesitancy will defeat them. It's the *little* foxes that that spoil the vine (**Song of Sol. 2.15**). In other words, it is not always some big hindrance that can keep God's children from receiving from God or being healed.

Wrong Thinking, Believing, and Speaking - The Giants That Defeat You

For example, with the children of Israel, it wasn't the giants in the land of Canaan that kept Israel from possessing the land. It was the Israelites' doubt and unbelief and their confession of an evil report that kept them out of the Promised Land. And it really isn't the giants that defeat us either. It's our failure to cooperate with God and work with *God* in line with His Word that causes us to fail in life. If it had just been the giants that hindered the Israelites from possessing their Promised Land, those giants would have defeated Joshua and Caleb, too, and no one would have ever possessed the land. No, it wasn't the giants who defeated the people. The people defeated themselves. It was their own confession that defeated them.

It is *not* the giants in life that defeat you. It is *not* the storms of life that defeat you. It is *not* the devil who defeats you. If you are defeated in life, it's because you have defeated yourself. You have defeated yourself by wrong thinking and wrong believing. Wrong talking has also defeated you.

Faith Confessions Bring Faith Victories

Caleb and Joshua *said* that they were well able to overcome the giants and eventually they did. You can have what you say. The woman with the issue of blood in **Mark 5** got exactly what she said. These Israelites who accepted the ten spies' report of doubt and unbelief got exactly what they said. They wandered in the wilderness until every single one of them died. Caleb and Joshua were the only ones of the older generation who went into the Promised Land, and Joshua became the leader.

Caleb said to Joshua, "**... give me this mountain ...**" (Joshua 14:12). I like that fellow, Caleb. I like a man of faith. That fellow Caleb just has a special place in my heart: because of his right believing, right thinking, and right talking. He went to Joshua and said, "Give me this mountain." Caleb was talking *his* faith!

Joshua probably looked back on that time and realized that their right thinking, believing, and speaking had won them victory. Joshua got a confession out of Caleb. It was a positive confession – a confession of faith and victory. Joshua told Caleb that there were giants in the mountain. But old Caleb told Joshua that he was well able to take the mountain anyway. Praise God! And bless God, he did.

Don't Prepare for Failure

Many unpleasant things happen in people's lives because they think they ought to happen that way. But actually, some things happen because we believe wrong and talk wrong and then it comes to pass.

Sometime ago, a preacher read an article about a scientist who said that when you get older your brain isn't as soft as it is when you are younger. The human brain keeps hardening a little bit over a period of time. Well, he got to the place where he couldn't remember things as well as he once did. It went along this way for a short time until he realized that there wasn't any need for that. The mind is a part of the soul of man; it never grows old. But it does need to be renewed with the word of God. (Romans 12:2.) The very moment he switched over and started believing right and talking right, he could quote all the Scripture he'd ever known, and his memory actually got better.

We fail sometimes because we get ready to fail. *We prepare for failure.* We think and believe in failure and therefore we fail. As believers, however, we do not have any business talking failure or doubt. We should talk faith. That secret comes from Mark 11:23 and 24.

MARK 11:23,24

23 For verily I say unto you, that that whosoever shall SAY unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and SHALL NOT DOUBT IN HIS HEART, but shall believe that those things which he SAITH shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he SAITH. 24 Therefore I say unto you what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

If you believe that you're going to receive something from God, then you will confess it. You will say what you believe.

Holding Fast Your My Confession of Faith

About four months before a young man became sixteen, he became totally bedfast on the bed of sickness. Five different doctors were on his case. One of them had practiced at the Mayo Clinic. This young man's grandfather was not a rich man. He did have quite a bit of property, but it was during the Depression Days and property wasn't worth much. But he was a man of some means, and if the Mayo Clinic had been able to help the young man, he would have sent him there.

The boy's doctors said that the doctor who had practiced at the Mayo Clinic was one of the best doctors in America, and if he said nothing could be done, then he would be simply wasting his money and time to go to the Mayo Clinic.

This particular doctor said that there wasn't any hope. The young man didn't have one chance in a million of living. He went on to say that as far as medical science knew, no one in his condition had lived past sixteen years of age. He had become totally bedfast by this time. He had never really been able to run and play like normal children because he had been a semi-invalid all his life.

His grandfather had several houses in town, which he rented out. He decided he wanted his family to move into one of his rental homes, so he gave one of the renters notice to vacate. He had given the people plenty of notice beforehand and the house had been redecorated. So, on New Year's Day, the young man and his family moved. The movers moved the furniture from other parts of the house first and left the furniture in the boy's bedroom until the last load. When they came and moved the furniture in his room, the ambulance came and moved him.

As he was in the ambulance, one of the men remarked to the boy that he had heard he had been in bed about a year, but if he felt up to it, they would take him for a ride around the residential areas so he could see the scenery. He was able to move his head and look out the windows. So, they drove slowly through town, and it was really good for him to be able to look out.

Then finally one of the men turned to him and said, "Son if you feel up to it, we'll drive down across the town square." He said that since it was a holiday and there would be little traffic, it probably would be nice. He told him he would appreciate it. He lived in a small town in Texas. At this time the population was between eight and nine thousand.

They drove past J.C. Penney Company and several other businesses. They then turned and he saw the old courthouse that sat in the middle of the town square.

As he looked at the courthouse, something said to him, "Well, you never thought you'd see these old buildings in the flesh again, and you wouldn't have if it hadn't been for the kindness of the man who is driving you around."

Immediately, something on the inside of the young man spoke up and said, "**Mark 11:23** says *... he shall have whatsoever he saith.*"

He had read **Mark 11:23 and 24** before which says to believe in your heart and say what you believe in your heart with your mouth. That's the principle of faith. You can have what you say. This gave the boy one little gleam of light - just like a little beam of light that might creep under a door or through a crack in a door. But this was the beginning point for him - that first day of January.

In the afternoon that "something" said, "You'll never see these buildings again." But that day there in that ambulance, as the tears rolled down his face, he said, "Yes, I will see these buildings and this courthouse! And I will come in the flesh and stand in this courthouse square because Jesus said that what you believe in your heart and say with your mouth shall come to pass." Once you've committed yourself with your confession then you've located what you believe in your heart.

January and February went by, and he was still bedfast. March, April, May, June, and July went by. Someone might say that his faith wasn't working, and that's what the devil said to him over those months. But he was holding fast to his confession, and he refused to give it up. He kept telling Jesus, God, the Holy Ghost, and the angels, the devil, and evil spirits that he was going to hold fast to his confession of faith. He told God that if it didn't work for him, then it was because God's Word had failed - because he was standing on His Word, and it had to work.

And the day came when he saw God's word work! He stood in that courthouse square! He had received what he had been believing and confessing. The people always came to town on Saturday, and the crowd was so thick in that square that he had to elbow his way through people to get to the outside of the curb. But he stood there on that curb and the tears coursed down his face.

He stood there and I said, "Devil, I told you so. I don't know whether you can read or not, but in case you can't, this is what the Bible says." And then he read **Mark 11:23 and 24** to him. He had his New Testament with him. He didn't know what people thought when they saw a young boy standing on the corner with tears in his eyes, reading a New Testament. But he couldn't have cared less. On the bed of sickness, he had gotten ahold of the scripture in **First Thessalonians 5:21** which says, "*Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.*" He proved that **Mark 11:23** is true and we can too.

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Having What You Say in Ministry

The young boy that was healed became a preacher and began his ministry early on as a young Baptist boy preacher. He became pastor of a community church which was eight miles from that courthouse square.

I want to tell you something here. Don't ever say that people aren't *saved* if they don't have the baptism of the Holy Ghost and don't speak in tongues. In the first place, that's not scriptural; in the second place, the Baptist boy preacher when he first started preaching, was saved, but he hadn't received the baptism in the Holy Spirit yet.

The first year he pastored, he wore out four pairs of shoes walking to preach the gospel. He walked down the road saying, "I'll preach that Jesus saves, heals, and is coming again.

Then he began associating with Full Gospel people who preached about divine healing because he believed in healing too. They also preached about being filled with the Holy Ghost and speaking with other tongues. One boy said, "It's like a slippery creek bank. If you keep fooling around it, you will slip in, and the preacher boy did.

He continued to associate with the Full Gospel people and eventually "slipped in" – that is, he was baptized with the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in tongues. He continued to preach the same thing he was preaching and added a little bit to it as he got more revelation from the word. The Holy Ghost will help you to enlarge your vision.

You Can Have What You Say

A few days after a young couple were married, a cold wind blew in, and his wife's throat became sore. She said she supposed her throat would be that way all through the winter because that's what usually happened.

She had been ready to have her tonsils taken out several times before; but something always happened to prevent it, a little fever or something, and the doctor wouldn't take them out.

Her husband remembered this scripture in **Mark 11:23** so he said to her, "No, you won't. You'll be healed and won't ever have that problem anymore." His faith could work for her because she was still a spiritual babe. Of course, God expected her to grow in the Word and begin to exercise her own faith, which she learned to do. Years went by and she never had another sore throat. You can have what you say. God's word works!

Having What You Say in Finances

A young person went out on the field to preach at various churches. The devil really tried to shut off his finances. When the first year was over, he saw that he would have been better off if he had stayed with the church he had been pastoring, where the parsonage was supplied, and all his utilities were paid. On the field, he had to pay for a place for his family to stay and also for his traveling. At the end of the year, he had to sell his old car in order to pay the interest on the three notes he was keeping.

He said to the Lord, "Lord, something is wrong somewhere! I'm doing everything You told me to do. If there was any shadow of doubt about my being out in field ministry, I wouldn't even wait on the doubt; I would take advantage of the shadow and go back to pastoring! Your Word says that if we were willing and obedient, we would eat the good of the land [Isa. 1:19]. I know you want us to eat the good, and you want us to drive the good - the best. But I've had to sell my automobile."

The Lord said to him, "You've been obedient, but you haven't been willing." When He said that it did not take him long to get willing! He got willing in a hurry!

The Lord told him, "The trouble with you is you don't practice what you preach." He considered that sort of a low blow.

Then Jesus told him that he preached faith but didn't practice it. He said that when it came to healing, he did, but He told the preacher that the principles of faith are just the same in the realm of finances as they are in the realm of healing.

He went home and told his wife that he was going to buy a car. She couldn't understand how they could do that when they weren't even meeting their budget as it was. But when you act because you've got a foundation of God's Word under you, you'll whip poverty, lack, and the devil in every combat. This car wasn't a brand-new one. It was an older model and it belonged to a pastor they knew. He had just a few miles on it and so they bought it from him. They paid for it, and in the course of time, he said that he was going to buy a new car. He told every pastor in every church where he preached that when he got to a certain city, he was going to buy a new car while he was there. (Really, he didn't have enough money to buy one at all.)

He told the pastor when he got to that city to preach that he hoped it wouldn't hurt his offerings to say that. But he said his people were the kind who would be thrilled and would probably help him on it. Thank God for people like that. The pastor knew a car dealer who always gave preachers a good deal. The preacher wanted to buy an Oldsmobile 98. So, they drove to the car lot and there was the exact car he'd had in mind, even to the very color.

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He looked it over and decided to buy it. The pastor and the preacher went into the office, and he introduced the preacher to the owner, who was sitting with his feet propped up on the desk, with a cigar in his mouth. When the pastor introduced him and told the man that he was interested in an automobile on his lot, the man plopped his feet down and said he could have it any way he wanted it. He knew he was a preacher. The car dealer told the preacher he would take \$1,200 off the list price of it and that he wouldn't make anything on it.

The car dealer asked the preacher what he was driving, and he told him he was driving an Oldsmobile 88. It had 93,000 miles on it, the transmission was leaking oil, the tires were bare, and the valve lifters were rattling. But he told the preacher that he would give him a good price for his car as a down payment - just as if it had been in good condition. He would still not get anything out of it because he would have to spend quite a bit fixing his old car up in order to be able to resell it.

The car dealer said he believed every preacher should have a new car. He said he was an old sinner himself, but he still believed in God, in the work of God, and in preachers and the church. That beats what a lot of Christians believe in!

This car dealer named a preacher the man knew who was going to buy a Chevrolet but had seen an Oldsmobile he really liked better. The car dealer asked the man why he didn't buy the Oldsmobile instead, if he liked it better. The man responded that he wouldn't be able to afford the payments on the Oldsmobile. So, the car dealer said he would let him have the Oldsmobile and make payments he could afford. The car dealer told the preacher that he might be a sinner, but God would help him even if he lost money on the deal.

So, when the preacher told the car dealer what he wanted his payment to be, he wrote out the contract and said, "Sign here." He never did get out of his chair to look at his car or anything. But he drove off with the new car! You can have what you say!

Having What We Say Works for All Believers

Someone might say, "Oh, well, the preacher was in the ministry and needed a car, and it worked for him." But I can tell you, lay members, that it works for you too.

It'll work for something little as well as for something big.

In a church that a man pastored, there was a medical doctor and his wife that were good friends with the pastor. After they had left pastoring that church, they would stop by and see

this couple when they were in the area. The doctor was a fine man, and his wife was a splendid woman.

At the time, the pastor's wife was quite nervous and was having great difficulty in sleeping. The pastor talked to his friend about it because he was a doctor, and he said he was going to put her on a diet. Then he asked the pastor's wife if she drank coffee. He did recommend that she quit drinking it, as it was a stimulant, and it was probably hindering her from sleeping. When she tried to quit, she couldn't. She told the doctor that she hadn't been able to quit, but the doctor said again that she needed to.

When the pastor and his wife came back home, his wife told him she just knew she couldn't quit drinking coffee. The pastor remembered the scripture that says you can have what you say. He told her that he was going to pray that the coffee would make her sick, and from then on, he wasn't going to pray about it anymore, he would just say it. Jesus said that you will have what you say.

So, the next morning, she decided to cut down to one cup of coffee a day. She started to drink the coffee and it made her deathly sick. From that day on his wife has not been able to drink coffee. It works on little things. And it works on big things. *You can have what you say.*

This principle from God's Word has been used a number of times with people who want to be delivered from tobacco. Nothing will help some hardheaded people who just don't want to quit, but I am talking about people who are really sincere and honest and want deliverance. When we pray, we tell them the next time they try to smoke they would be sick from it. We have seen them set free.

We can all use our faith to help those who really want help. Of course, if a person doesn't want help you will not be able to help them. You cannot push something off on someone who does not want it.

To sum up what we have learned today, we have what we say, whether it is positive or negative. If things aren't going the way that you want them to go, go back and ask God to show you where you have been speaking wrong. Then repent, change your words, and change your life.