

SETTING THE CORNERSTONES OF YOUR LIFE

The cornerstones of a building establish the length and width of that building. When you buy a piece of property the surveyor establishes the corner markers. Then you know the limits of your property. You cannot exercise any control beyond the confines of those four corner markers. In our daily lives we are setting cornerstones with our words, such as - I can't, I won't be able, I never can, I always come up short, I'll never get this done, etc.

The apostle Paul said in II Corinthians 4:13, "**We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.**" We tend to speak what we think. What we speak establishes what we believe, for faith cometh by hearing. That's why David said I believed and therefore have I spoken. (Psalm 110:16).

Here are some other things that David established, "**I will not die but live and declare the works of the Lord...**" "**Up hold me according to thy word that I may live...**" "**By the words of my lips I have kept myself from the paths of the destroyer.**" (Psalm 118:17; 119:116; 17:4). These words became cornerstones of his faith in life.

Your words are building blocks. With them you construct your life and your future. Your words set the limits of what you believe for in life. You will eventually live within the confines of those boundaries you establish. Your words establish what you believe and your belief establishes what you do. Even though situations and circumstances are subject to change, yet with the support of your words, you can establish them forever, in your life.

James said, "**If any man offends not in word, he is a perfect man and able to bridle the whole body... We put bits in the horses' mouths that they may obey us and we turn about the whole body.**" (James 3:2,3). What does a bit do to a horses' mouth? It puts pressure on his mouth. If you don't like the way you or your life is going, you can change directions by putting pressure on your mouth.

Concerning the principle of faith in Mark 11:23, Jesus said, whosoever, shall say, believe and doubt not in his heart but believe what he is saying will come to pass he shall have whatsoever he saith. Your words establish the cornerstones of your faith in life. Your words can either release you or hold you in bondage. They will open you up to expanded blessings or confine you to your present circumstance or situation.

Words can affect your immune system and your body. The Amplified Bible says in James 3:2, "**For we all often stumble and fall and offend in many things. If any man does not offend in speech, never says the wrong thing, he is a fully developed character and a perfect man and able to control his whole body and curb his entire nature.**" Verse 6 says, "**The tongue is a world of wickedness set among our members contaminating and depriving the whole body and setting on fire the wheel of birth or cycle of a man's nature being itself ignited by hell.**"

Medical science tells us that every cell in your body is renewed or changed every seven to eleven years. This indicates that the body was designed by god to restore **ITSELF**. But James says that the tongue can deprive the whole body and destroy the cycle of man's nature. He likens it to deadly poison. He said, out of the same mouth cometh forth blessing and cursing. But these things my brethren ought not to be so.

The words you speak are either a blessing or a curse to you. They establish the cornerstones of your life. What you are saying daily is either your faith or your fear speaking. Paul admonishes us to, "**Be renewed in the SPIRIT OF YOUR MIND**" and to "**give no place to the devil.**" (Eph. 4:23, 27). The devil has no place if we don't give it to him. "**For we are delivered from the authority of darkness and translated into the kingdom of His dear son.**" (Col. 1:13).

James 1:26 says, "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." This is the ultimate and most devastating deception. Your own words convince your heart that what you are speaking is what you desire. It is like planting a seed in the soil, it will produce after its kind. So I challenge you to do as David did, set a watch over your mouth and let the words of your mouth and meditation of your heart be acceptable in the sight of God. For you are establishing the cornerstones of your life daily with the words you speak.

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