

● WARM UP

God gave us two ears and a mouth. Does that mean we should listen twice as much, or twice as long, as we speak? If God speaks and He creates, then this surely illustrates the power of the spoken word.

Even people in the world realise the power of words.

"Of all the weapons of destruction that man could invent, the most terrible - and the most powerful - was the word. Daggers and spears left traces of blood; arrows could be seen at a distance. Poisons were detected in the end and avoided. But the word managed to destroy without leaving clues." Paulo Coelho

"Words! What power they hold. Once they have rooted in your psyche, it is difficult to escape them. Words can shape the future of a child and destroy the existence of an adult. Words are powerful. Be careful how you use them because once you have pronounced them, you cannot remove the scar they leave behind." Vashti Quiroz

● READ Psalm 19:14

● BACKGROUND

The wise of this world understand the consequences of the spoken word and the crippling effect they can hold on the whole of a person's life. All of us have been guilty of causing damage and hurt by words we have used, and have been damaged by the words we have received.

Many words spoken over us become a lie that we accept and adjust our lives to. They can cause a robbing and a stealing of life. We live in a spiritual world where we have an enemy who wants to rob, steal and cheat us. He is the master of lies.

We also live in a world created by a loving God who spoke and created. We are made in His image so we have the ability to be a blessing if we remain in His Word and presence and ask the Holy Spirit to help us each day with our words.

● QUESTIONS

- 1 Can you think of a time when you have had difficulty in telling the truth? Psalm 34:13
- 2 How have harsh words spoken over you affected your life? Psalm 57:4

- 3 How do you feel when you hear someone boasting or exaggerating, and what effect does that have? James 3:5

- 4 Share about a time when words of grace built you up. Proverbs 16:24

What is God saying to me?

● LET'S PRAY

● REAL LIFE STORIES OF GOD'S POWER



I came to a Bill Subritzky meeting about a year ago. I'd been suffering from chronic pain and mental illness and I'd been out of work for quite some time. Bill prayed for me and from then on I felt that I'd had a deliverance from my illness and I've just gone on from strength to strength. My life in Christ has really started to come into a new level that I have never known before. Neil

● CONSIDER THIS

A medical diagnosis is a series of words spoken over us by a medical professional. They may fit the reality of an x-ray image or blood tests or a number of other signs analysed by the medical professional. When the words are spoken over us we have two choices. Either they remain as a diagnosis and we then turn to God in prayer for healing of our body or a miracle change of the situation, OR we accept the words as a condition and we take on the label given by a doctor. E.g. "I have a diagnosis of diabetes" versus "I am a diabetic". The latter will result in a loss, but the former, a time of trial to be walked through with God.

(Please note, we should always follow medical advice and wait for the medical professional to change his diagnosis.)

Are you carrying a label God doesn't want you to carry? Change your words.

