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What kind of life do you want to live? A life of love? A life of faith? A life of peace? A life of health? A life of abundance? God through His Word has created a life that He wants you to live. But whether you actually live it depends on you!

There are many factors in our lives today that try to create a life for us (or should I say an existence). Physical symptoms try to create a life of sickness and disease. Economic factors try to create a life where there is no prosperity. Sometimes our own thoughts hold us captive in a life we do not want to live. Our negative thoughts put a lid on our lives and keep us from entering into the blessings of God. By **seeing**, **speaking** and **believing**, you can create the life you want to live. What is, the life God wants you to have – the life the Lord Jesus secured for you? It is a life of faith, a life that is pleasing to God. And it is possible if you understand the power of your faith… Why? Because you always:

- Get what you <u>see</u>
- Get what you <u>speak</u>
- Get what you <u>believe</u>

Start by asking yourself, "What kind of life do I want to <u>see</u>?" Then SEE it! Is it a life of abundance and prosperity, healing and health, and protection and safety, according to God's Word (Matt. 6:33; 1 Peter 2:24; Ps. 91). If you see it, you can create it in line with the promises of God— with His Word.

(1) YOU GET WHAT YOU <u>SEE</u>

To be successful in life, we have to see with the "inward eye." Some people call it imagination; others call it dreaming. It's being able to see something that is not in the natural realm. You could call it "dreaming with God." Let me ask you, what do you continually see about yourself . . . about your future? It matters how you see yourself, because what you see is what you will be and do. Proverbs 29:18 says, ***"Where there is no vision, the people perish."*** This verse is not talking about our natural eyesight. It is talking about vision, which can include our vision for life or what we anticipate for our future.

Jonathan Swift said, "Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others." Many people see but don't have vision. That's because they are focusing on natural things and are not allowing the vision that comes from God's Word to influence them. Listening to others can sometimes hinder our vision. Some people like to talk about how they see things. But their experiences can hinder what God wants to do in our lives. Focusing on the past is another vision blocker. Helen Keller once said, *"When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us."* Some people are still looking at yesterday's sunset and can't see the beauty of today's sunrise.

Worry can also cloud our vision. If we look at the future through the eyes of worry and fear, we will always find something to keep us from fulfilling our vision. But when fear and worry are compressed down to their real substance, they're not worth being concerned over.

Fulfilling our dreams and desires often boils down to our ability to see ourselves through God's eyes. And as we meditate on His power and willingness to help us, we'll realize that we don't have to face life alone. So instead of spending time thinking about the things that are against us, let's focus our thoughts on what we already have. Let's change the way we look at life. We must let God's vision for us become real inside us. And we must imagine ourselves the way God designed us to be: overcomers and victors in Christ Jesus. When we get hold of that, nothing can stop us! And we create the life we want to live!

(2) YOU GET WHAT YOU SAY

Confession is a vital part of our faith. Hebrews 11:6 tells us that God demands that we have faith to please Him. If God demanded that we have faith when it was impossible for us to have faith, we would have a right to challenge His justice, because that would be unjust. But it is possible for us to have faith, because the Bible says, "*Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"* (Rom. 10:17). We can increase our faith by hearing God's Word. Therefore, the responsibility of having strong faith rests with us. Let's examine how our words affect our faith walk. Romans 10:10 says, *"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."* This principle concerns more than salvation. Confession is made unto whatsoever—salvation, prosperity, healing, or whatever else we need. This agrees exactly with what Jesus said about faith.

In Mark 11:22 Jesus said, *"Have faith in God."* In the Greek this phrase literally says, "Have the faith of God." Or we could say, "Have the God-kind of faith." The God-kind of faith is described in Mark 11:23: *"For verily I say unto you, 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 says shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he says."* There are two things to notice about the God-kind of faith.

- Number one, confession precedes possession. Most people want to possess the blessing before they'll confess it. But Jesus said, "He shall have whatsoever he says" (Mark 11:23). At the time we make a faith confession, we don't have what we confess. That's because confession precedes possession. We must confess God's Word to bring the thing we desire into the realm of reality (Heb. 11:1).

- Number two, we must believe our words. We must believe that what we say will come to pass. We must believe the Word of God in our hearts and believe the Word of God on our lips. Doing that gives us power over demons, diseases, and circumstances. Many times people will say, "I wish I had that kind of faith." Well, the Bible says we do! 2 Corinthians 4:13 says, ***"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."*** The Apostle Paul didn't say we are trying or hoping to get the same spirit of faith. He didn't say someday we might get it. Paul said we have the same spirit of faith. That's present tense. That means we have it now. What is this spirit of faith that we have? We believe and therefore we speak.

Believing and speaking the Word is operating in the same principle of faith Jesus talked about in Mark 11:23. We can also see this principle in the story of the woman with the issue of blood. She said, "If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole" (Matt. 9:21). She got exactly what

she believed and what she said. We must realize that our words will either make us victors in life or hold us captive. So let's learn to **talk** in line with the Word of God.

(3) YOU GET WHAT YOU BELIEVE

Did you notice that "believing" precedes any spiritual principle God has put in place. You must believe that what you **see** through the eyes of faith is in fact reality. For the things that are in the natural are created by those things that are not seen by the human eye. You also only get what you **say** if you believe it! In a life of faith and love (that you create with your words) you must believe that the life you are speaking of actually exists (Mark 11:23).

When you discover the life God desires for you to have, you can release His power through your words, and then watch His promises become realities! Yes, it's a life of peace and joy which you create with your mouth, based on what the Word of God says (Phil. 4:6–7; 1 Thess. 5:16). It's a life where you can take your thoughts captive and **see** the victory (2 Cor. 10:5). That's what God has promised!

What kind of life do you want to see? Create it with your words (Mark 11:24). Why don't you call what God has promised, that doesn't exist yet in your life, into existence! Set your life on a new course today! Create the life you want to live. It is possible… Only believe!!