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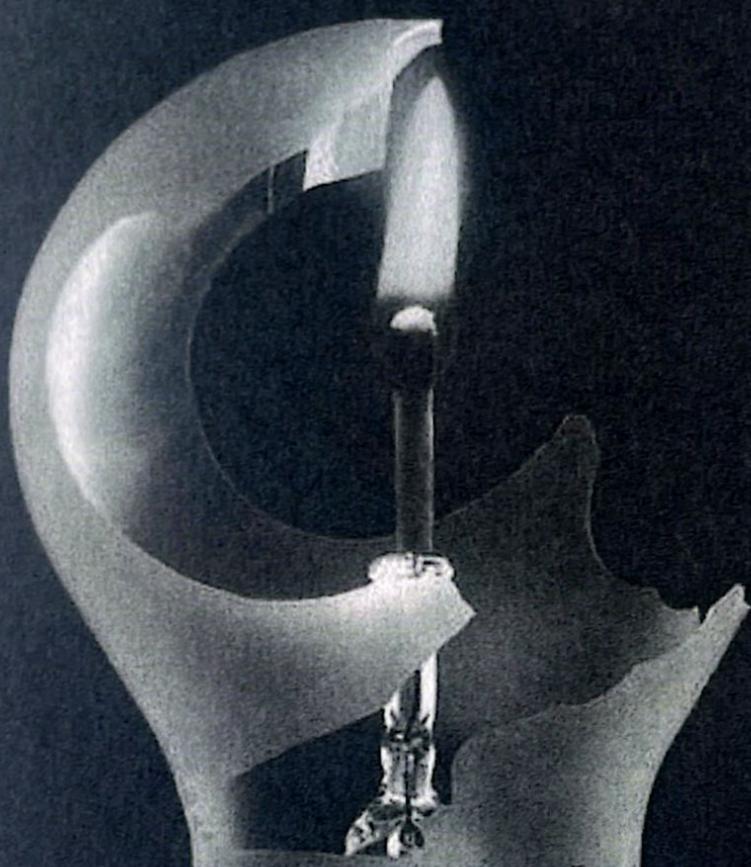
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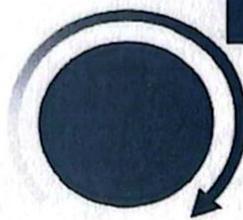
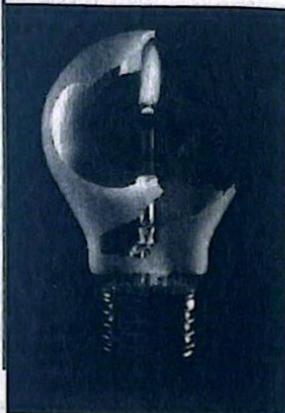
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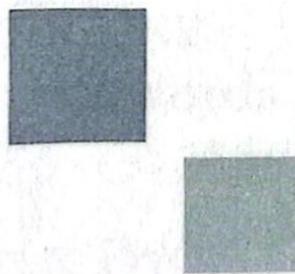
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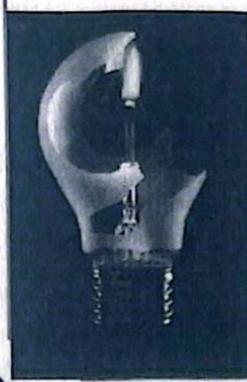
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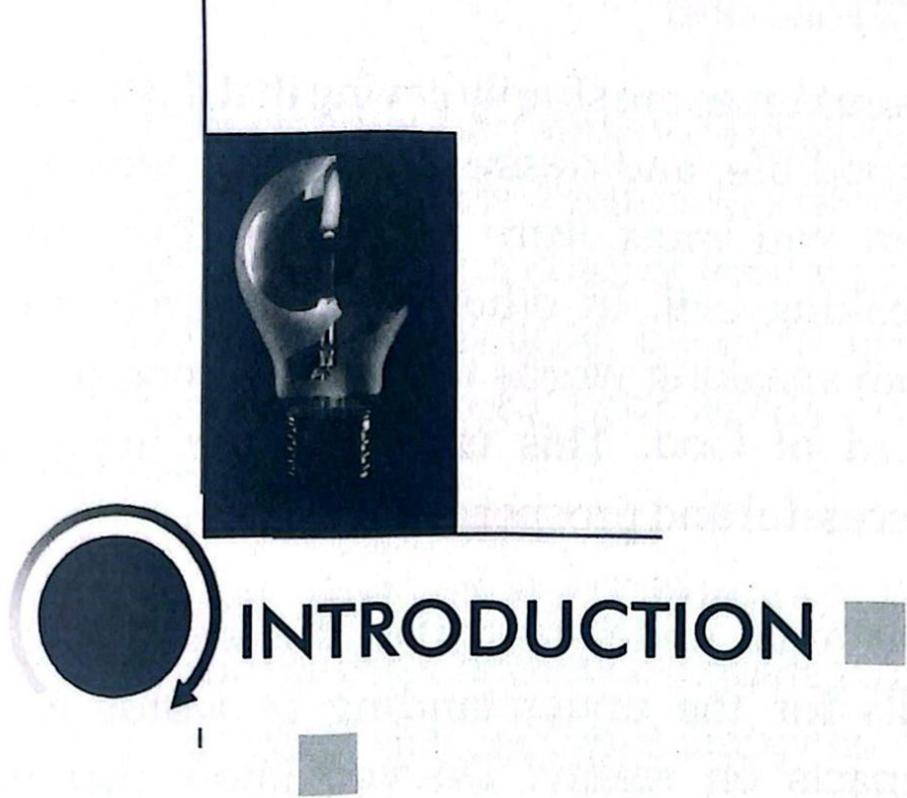
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Too many Christians are asking the question "why?" "Why is this or that happening to me?" "Why am I going through this?" "Why are things not going well with me?"

God said in Hosea 4: 6; "*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...*" and how true that is. The answers to all of life's questions are in the Bible. God has not left us in the dark about anything. The Bible tells us,

'For it is said, Let the man who has a love of life, desiring to see good days, keep his tongue from evil and his lips from words of deceit: And let him be turned from evil and do good; searching for peace and going after it with all his heart' (1 Peter 3:10-11 (BBE)).

These verses are simply saying that if you want to have a good life, and desire things to go well in your life, then you must learn to refrain your tongue from speaking evil. In other words, refrain your tongue from speaking words that are not consistent with the word of God. This is the key to living a happy, successful and prosperous life.

You must understand that life is spiritual, and this calls for the understanding of words and how it impacts on reality. Do you know that words are things? Each day you give life to things with the words you speak. Your life circumstances are influenced on a daily basis by the words you speak. There is tremendous power in words.

Many people have often talked themselves into problems or ailments through their repeated use of ordinary words like "I feel bad", "I am so sick", "I don't think I am going to succeed in this", "I have inherited my bad health condition. I have to live with it, since, it runs in my family" etc. The power that our words have upon our body as well as financial affairs, when used in a positive way, is tremendous. Words are the most powerful catalyst in the universe.

The qualities of the words you speak determine the quality of the life you live. Words are therefore very

important, for they could either make or break you. The words you speak define the boundaries of your life. In other words, you are a product of your words. Your words have the power to bring life or death to your life, relationships and future. Your words shape your environment.

Words are essential part of the Christians' life. Everything about the life of a Christian originates from the word. This implies that nothing happens by chance.

You get what you say. Confession is the key; only by mouth confession can faith power be released, allowing tremendous things to happen. Whatever comes out of your mouth shall be produced in your life. The key to receiving the desires of your heart is to make the words of your mouth agree with what you want.

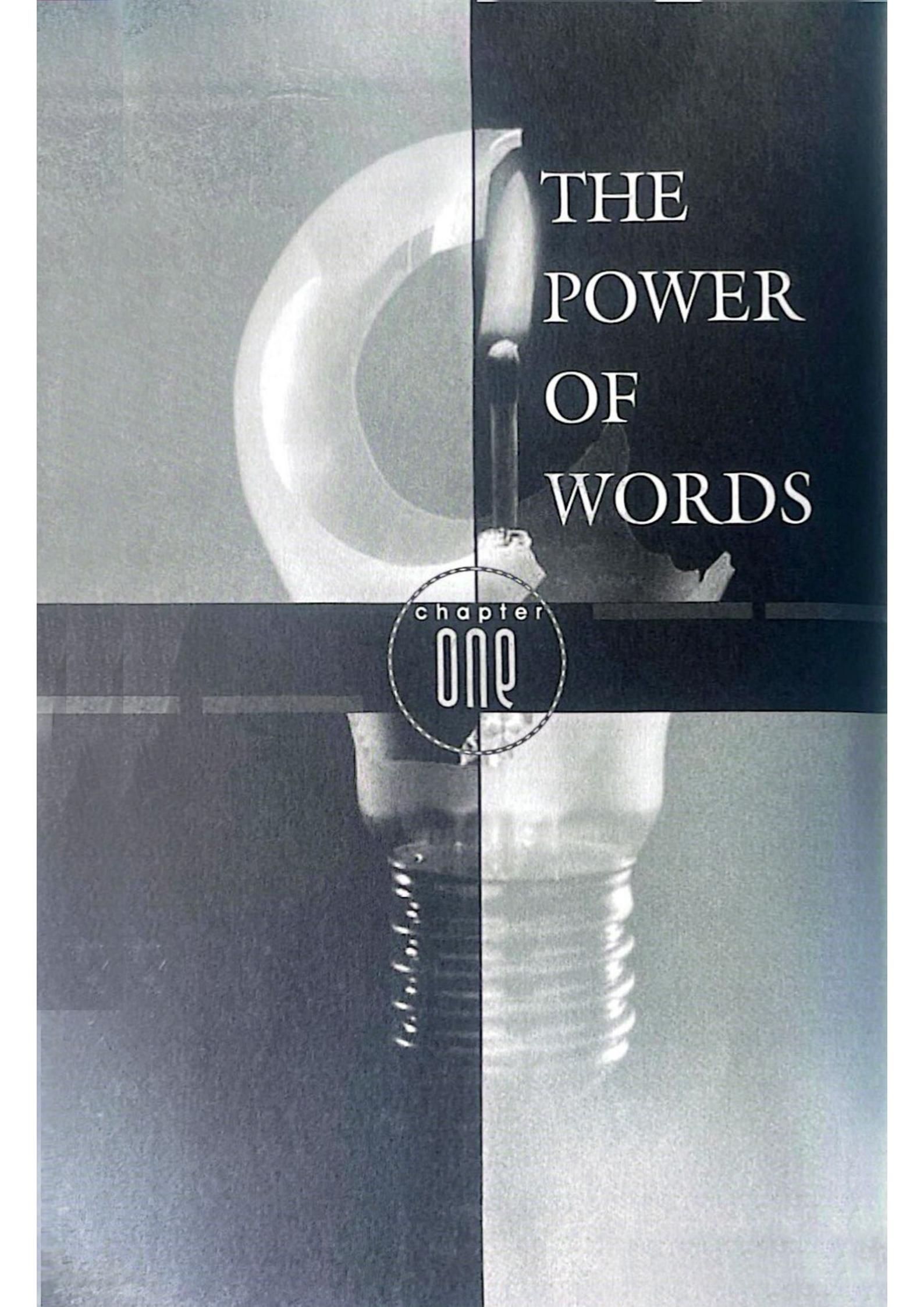
The purpose of this Book is to motivate you to take action on creating the life you want and to provide some basic direction on how to do that. If you're dissatisfied with some part of your life, know that you have the power to change it and it all starts with changing your speaking.

I urge you to allow The Holy-Spirit minister to you

through this Book. You will find some faith-filled confessions on some subjects at the end of this book.



*Your words shape your
environment.*



The image shows a close-up, high-contrast photograph of a hand using a magnifying glass to examine a metal screw being driven into a piece of wood. The screw is partially embedded in the wood, which has a visible grain. The background is dark and out of focus.

THE POWER OF WORDS

chapter

ONE



I read an article about the late Elvis Presley. It was reported that Elvis remarked that he did not expect to live longer than his mother did. Well he didn't. He died at age 42, while his mother died at 44.

Elvis Presley, like most people today may have made that remark thoughtlessly as a joke, but it actually became his reality. As innocent and harmless as that remark may have seemed, it became a reality. One of the biggest reasons people don't take words seriously is because they don't always see the consequences of what they say immediately. We need to understand that words are like seeds planted in the ground. They may not come to life overnight, but they will grow.



There is no such thing as an idle word. You must understand that life is spiritual, and this calls for the understanding of words and how it impacts on reality. Do you know that words are things? Each and every day you give life to things with the words you speak. The Bible tells us, 'for out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that men will have to give account on the Day of Judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.'¹

Everyone wants to get' out of a bad situation and into good ones. The truth is there is no quick fix for life's problems. It's the choices we make from day to day that determine where we are today. You see, one of such choices that most people tend to overlook, that is responsible for most of life's struggles, is their choice of words. Nothing is more important than the words we speak. So learn to choose your words wisely.

I wish to emphasize that there is no such thing as an idle word. Jesus, was actually stressing that every word should be handled with responsibility. We must weigh our words before we utter them.



'Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it shall eat its fruit'². Jesus said, 'you shall have whatsoever you say'³. Your words have the power to shape circumstances.

Understand that words are not ordinary. In fact, on the contrary words are powerful whether it is positive or negative. Your life circumstances are influenced on a daily basis by the words you speak. There is tremendous power in words. A man who's been unemployed and desperately needs a job, but seems to have no success in getting one, has most likely been defeated by his words. He probably has spent considerable amount of time talking about how hard it is to find a job and the tough job market, then complains and wonders why his situation isn't changing. He doesn't know that his own words have solidified and supported the present circumstances of joblessness.

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In Numbers 22: 1-6, we read, 'The Israelites traveled on and camped in the plains of Moab near the Jordan across from Jericho. Now Balak son of Zippor saw all



that Israel had done to the Amorites. Moab was terrified of the people because they were numerous, and dreaded the Israelites. So the Moabites said to the elders of Midian,

This horde will devour everything around us like an ox eats up the green plants in the field. Since Balak son of Zippor was Moab's king at that time, he sent messengers to Balaam son of Beor at Pethor, which is by the Euphrates in the land of his people. Balak said to him: "Look, a people has come out of Egypt; they cover the surface of the land and are living right across from me. Please come and put a curse on these people for me because they are more powerful than I am. I may be able to defeat them and drive them out of the land, for I know that those you bless are blessed and those you curse are cursed."

Balak understood the power behind the spoken word. He knew that the only way to defeat Israel was to speak a negative word over them. Remember, words are powerful; be it positive or negative. Every negative word spoken into a person's life opens the door for negative experiences. That is why it is important you don't trivialize or dismiss as unimportant any negative utterance.

The story of David and Goliath is a classical example to

illustrate my point. David was just a teenager with little or no training as a soldier. On the other hand, Goliath had been trained from his youth and was a combat veteran. The Bible tells us, 'and when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him; for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and withal of a fair countenance. And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the birds of the heavens, and to the beasts of the field'⁴.

Notice these words of Goliath: I will give thy flesh unto the birds of the heavens, and to the beasts of the field.

These were negative words; Words that covey death. When David heard these words, how did he take it?

The Bible tells us, 'Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a javelin: but I come to thee in the name of Jehovah of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will Jehovah deliver thee into my hand; and I will smite thee, and take thy head from off thee; and I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day unto the birds of the heavens, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the



earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that Jehovah saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is Jehovah's, and he will give you into our hand.¹⁵

David countered the words of Goliath. Here is the point; never keep quiet when negative utterances are made to you. Words are powerful.

Do you remember Reuben the eldest son of Jacob? Reuben defiled his father's bed by sleeping with one of Jacob's concubines. Just before Jacob died, he assembled all his sons and pronounced blessings upon them. Here is what the Bible says, 'Then Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather around, and I will tell you what will happen to you in the days to come. Come together and listen, sons of Jacob; listen to your father Israel: Reuben, you are my firstborn, my strength and the first fruits of my virility, excelling in prominence, excelling in power. Turbulent as water, you will no longer excel, because you got into your father's bed and you defiled the got into my bed".¹⁷

These were the words spoken into Reuben's life. The outcome was a near extinction for Reuben. It took the intervention of Moses several years later to reverse the downward spiral in Reuben's generation.

We read, 'And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death... Let Reuben live, and not die; nor let his men be few⁸'.

Words are powerful in the making of destiny. Great men and women are made by words. Many people have often talked themselves into problems or ailments through their repeated use of ordinary words like "I feel bad", "I am so sick", "I don't think I am going to succeed in this", "I have inherited my bad health condition. I have to live with it, since, it runs in my family" etc. The power that our words have upon our body as well as financial affairs, when used in a positive way, is tremendous. I have seen people stricken with illness, who have talked themselves back to radiant health and people, smothered by financial disasters, who have talked themselves back on the road to prosperity.

Now, here is the point; the success or failure of an  individual is based on the positive or negative **words he speaks.** 

Our speech is an essential part of our lives, and this is

particularly true for the Christian. The Bible tells us, 'let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers'⁹.

The qualities of the words you speak determine the quality of the life you live. Words are therefore very important, for they could either make or break you. The words you speak define the boundaries of your life. Succinctly put, you are a product of your words. It then becomes important that you understand the words you speak into your life, your family, your circumstances and others around you.

Words create impressions, images and expectations. They build psychological connections. They influence how we think. Since thoughts determine actions, there's a powerful connection between the words we use and the results we get.



Words are powerful in the making of destiny.
Great men and women are made by words.

Poorly chosen words can kill enthusiasm, impair self-esteem, lower expectations and hold people back. Well-chosen words can motivate, offer hope, create vision, impact thinking and alter results.

There is need to realize the great impact of spoken

words in our daily lives and the influence, healthy or detrimental, they exert on our future results or experiences, whether or not they are positive or negative.

The Bible tells us, 'Now when we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we also guide the whole animal. And consider ships: though very large and driven by fierce winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So too, though the tongue is a small part [of the body], it boasts great things. Consider how large a forest a small fire ignites. And the tongue is a fire. The tongue, a world of unrighteousness, is placed among the parts of our [bodies]; it pollutes the whole body, sets the course of life on fire, and is set on fire by hell. For every creature animal or bird, reptile or fish is tamed and has been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men who are made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things should not be this way. Does a spring pour out sweet and bitter water from the same opening? Can a fig tree produce olives, my brothers, or a grapevine [produce] figs? Neither can a saltwater spring yield fresh water¹⁰.

This portion of scripture demonstrates the wisdom on the power of the tongue. Death and life is in the power of the tongue. If you would stop and think about the circumstances you have faced, you would realize that your tongue set in motion what the circumstances played out. Be it good or bad. Careless and thoughtless talk will always work against you. You have the power to make your life a success by the words you speak.

Words have emotional, physical and spiritual impact. The words you speak can lift you up or send you into a downward spiral. It has been shown that words can cause physical changes in your body and change the spiritual atmosphere.

Life is spiritual. God speaks in the spiritual realm to make things happen in the physical world. The Bible tells us, 'By faith we understand that the worlds have been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen hath not been made out of things which appear.'¹¹

Man was created in the image of God. Since God is a Spirit, it follows therefore that Man is a Spirit also. You are not just a physical being; you are a spiritual being also. Like God, Man has the power to create with his words.

Your words hold more power than you imagine. Your words are a creative force. Your words have the power

to bring life or death to your life, relationships and future. Your words shape your environment. That's why you need to stop and think before you speak.

"With the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach will be full; the produce of his lips will be his in full measure"¹².

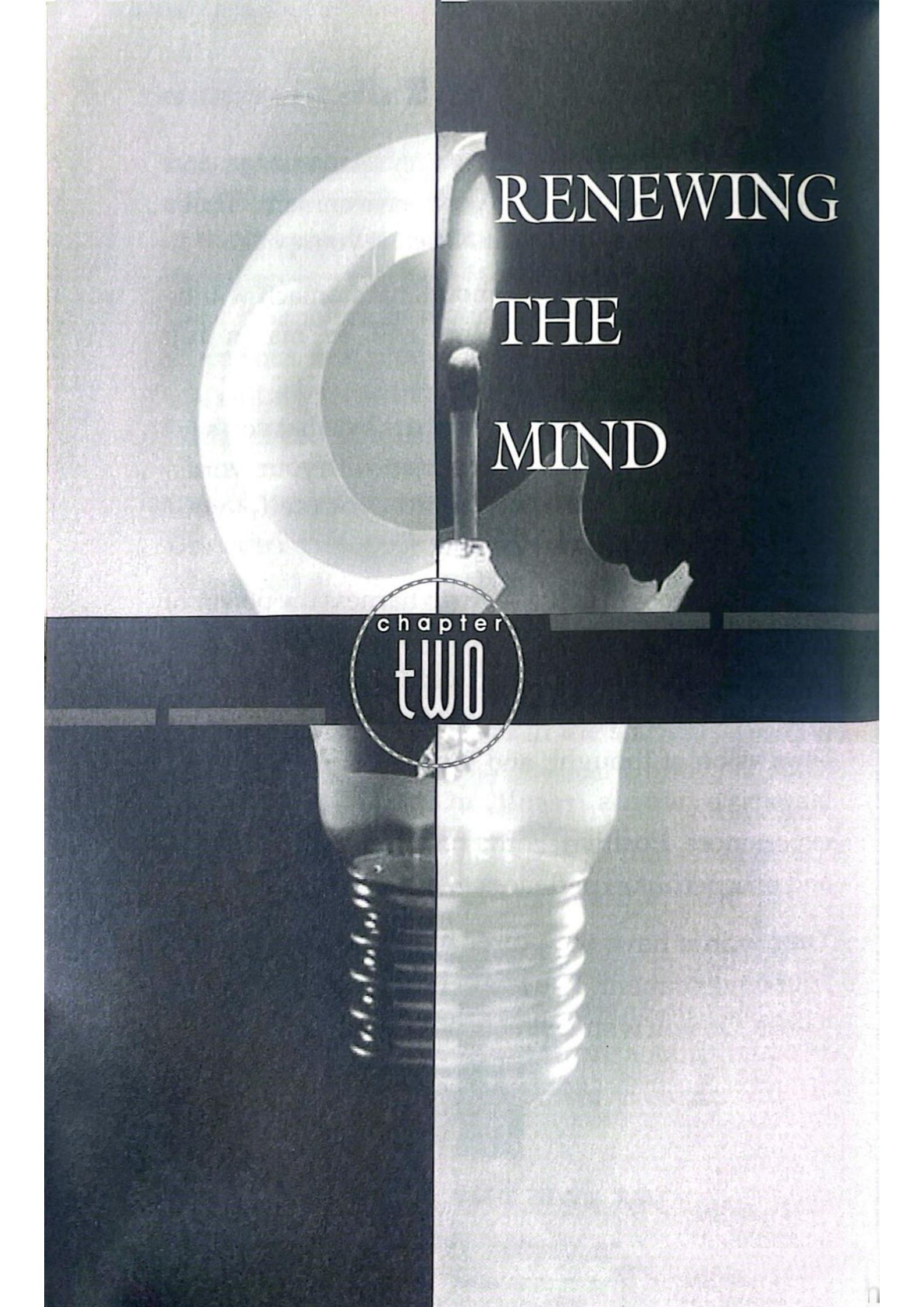
Are you limiting yourself and others by what you say? If you want to change anything- start with your words- change what you say about yourself, your circumstances and other people.

If you want to win in life, learn to harness the power of words; select words that create a visual of the desired outcome; and choose each word as if it mattered. Words mold and shape your life because words are the expression of thought; and ideas held in your mind. Negative words result in negative, unhappy experiences, Positive words result in positive, happy and prosperous experiences.

Your words have the power to change your life and your environment. You might be surprised how much it does. Do you want better results? Check your words.

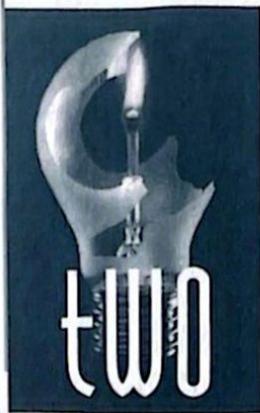


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RENEWING THE MIND

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RENEWING THE MIND

Would you like your life to be better? It can be, and the choice is yours. You are the only one who can make that choice. In fact, you can choose right now to improve your life. How, you may ask. Well, it is by putting the right stuff into your mind.

The mind is the aspect of intellect and consciousness experienced as combinations of thought, perception, memory, emotion, will and imagination, including all unconscious cognitive processes. The term is often used to refer, by implication, to the thought processes of reason.



Your mind is like clay it's being shaped and formed with each passing day. There are some quintessential questions you need to ask yourself, for example, what am I feeding my mind with? What is it being formed into? What is my responsibility in the process?

Whether you realize it or not, your character is being formed and enforced with each passing day. This is true whether you plan through what you want to be or if you just let life happen. You must understand that some of the most powerful influences on the development of your character come from the following sources:

1. What you read
2. What you look at
3. What you listen to
4. The people you associate with

All these will eventually form your thoughts. These have significant influence in the way your mind is programmed. Piece by piece, like bricks in a wall, this programming trains you on how to talk, how to think, what to think, what to value and pursue, how to treat others and what your actions are. The smallest amount of negative input has a noticeable effect over the long run. Have you heard the expression "garbage in,

garbage out"? Well it applies to computers. This applies to your mind as well. The quality of your mind determines the quality of your life.

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Here are some verses that illustrate that our thoughts and consequently actions are out of the state of our mind. 'The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks'¹.

'But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man `unclean'².

'What comes out of a man is what makes him `unclean'. For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean'.³

'As water reflects a face, so a man's heart reflects the man'⁴. 'Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life'⁵.

Your mind is a true representation of your real self. As a man thinks so is he. Whatever you allow into your mind will definitely show up in your life. The only thing that precludes your happiness and success is YOU! Don't you get it? As long as the content of your mind is negative, you will never experience true freedom- whether in finance, health or relationships. Every day we are constantly exposed to a great deal of negative re-enforcement from the media. As Christians we are not immune from temptation. In fact they come to us on daily basis in form of negative thoughts.

You need to understand that your pattern of thoughts is what shapes your life. You cannot for instance, think scarcity and hope to see abundance. Neither can you think poverty and hope to see riches. Can you imagine someone thinking defeat or sickness and hope to have victory and health?

The point is this: your thoughts will eventually become **your realities**. Our **thoughts** shape our **beliefs**.

Consequently, when our thoughts are wrong, our beliefs will be wrong. You will always gravitate in the

direction of your most dominant thought.

One of the highest and ultimate goals that God has in store for each one of us is our transformation - and this transformation is accomplished by the renewing of our minds. Satan's primary attack is the mind of the believer. The mind is the only territory over which you have complete control. You determine what you think about; you determine what you do.

God's Word has a lot to say about our mind and how we should control it. When we control our thoughts, then we can control our destiny. When you are born again and accept Jesus as Savior and Lord, your spirit is regenerated, you become a new creature. The Bible says, 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new'⁷.

Your spirit is new, but your mind is the same old mind. Nothing of its former theories, thought processes, belief systems or prejudices has been altered. The command of the Word is to renew the mind, to bring it back to the state of newness that God intended. The Bible tells us, 'Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and

pleasing and perfect⁸.

You see, unless we renew our minds we are not going to enjoy our relationship, rights and privileges as sons and daughters of God. The scriptures are filled with tremendous truths which will have no effect in our lives until we first renew our minds to what the Word declares. The promises are eternally true but will not become a reality to us until we renew our minds.

To become the right kind of person God wants you to be, you need to put the right things into your mind. If your thinking is wrong, the new clothes, the new car, the new relationship, the new job, all of these things will bring only temporary satisfaction. Change Your Thinking Change Your Life.



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Being able to change your life is such a powerful process that begins with a simple thought pattern. If you want to experience the truths of God's word, then there must be a change in your thought pattern. It is therefore imperative that you learn how. You see, your successes, failures, high mountains and low valleys in life are all directly related to your thought process.

God tells us to put off our old way of thinking; 'that ye put away, as concerning your former manner of life, the old man, that waxeth corrupt after the lusts of deceit; and that ye be renewed in the spirit of your mind'¹⁹.

The mind has been programmed with natural 'established attitudes' such as beliefs, opinions, convictions, and prejudices. The combination of these 'established attitudes' develops into a "mind-set"; a mind-set about us, a mind-set about things, and a mind-set about certain situations. Renewing the mind is thus a deliberate act of re-programming the mind; giving the mind a new orientation. This is the believer's responsibility. Now look at the progression this sets in motion:

When you change your thinking, you change your beliefs;

When you change your beliefs, you change your expectations;

When you change your expectations, you change your attitude;

When you change your attitude, you change your behavior;

When you change your behavior, you change your performance;

When you change your performance, you change your life!

the replacement of our old values with the attitudes, beliefs, and concepts of God as revealed in His Word. No wonder God instructed Joshua;

'this book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate thereon day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success'¹²

I want you to see this verse in a simpler translation:

'Let this book of the law be ever on your lips and in your thoughts day and night, so that you may keep with care everything in it; then a blessing will be on all your way, and you will do well'¹³

What has renewing the mind got to do with meditation? Let's start by asking the question 'what is meditation?' Well this is what Webster's dictionary says concerning a few related words:

MEDITATE: to engage in contemplation or reflection, to focus one's thoughts on; reflect or ponder over. To plan or project in the mind.

THINK: to form or have in the mind, to have as an opinion, to regard as or consider, to reflect on or ponder, to determine by reflecting, to call to mind or

remember, to center ones thoughts on or form a mental picture of, to have in the mind engaged in reflection, to consider.

REFLECT: to think quietly and calmly

PONDER: to weigh in the mind, to think about, reflect on, to think about - especially quietly, soberly and deeply.

Also, according to Webster's dictionary, the words Ponder, Meditate, Muse, and Ruminate are synonyms and mean to consider or examine attentively or deliberately. *PONDER* implies a careful weighing of a problem or, often, prolonged inconclusive thinking about a matter; *MEDITATE* implies a definite focusing of one's thoughts on something as to understand it deeply; *Muse* suggests a more or less focused daydreaming as in remembrance; *RUMINATE* implies going over the same matter in one's thoughts again and again but suggests little of either purposive thinking or rapt absorption.

Meditation is a function of the mind and the heart. It is what we think about in our hearts and it is something we all do every day. Whether we realize it or not, we all spend a large portion of our time in some form of meditation. The thing is, what we meditate on may or

may not be worthwhile. The Bible has these to say about meditation:

'Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this'¹⁴.

'May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer'¹⁵.

'Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love'¹⁶

'I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds'¹⁷

'I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways'¹⁸

'Though rulers sit together and slander me, your servant will meditate on your decrees'¹⁹

'Let me understand the teaching of your precepts; then I will meditate on your wonders'²⁰

'I lift up my hands to your commands, which I love, and I meditate on your decrees'²¹

'May the arrogant be put to shame for wronging me without cause; but I will meditate on your precepts'²²

'Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long'²³

'I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes'²⁴

'My eyes stay open through the watches of the night that I may meditate on your promises'²⁵

'Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things'²⁶

'Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish'²⁷

This type of meditation does not come naturally. It takes discipline and commitment. This is your responsibility. You have to consciously spend time in

This is the reason the devil is not intimidated by the prayers of a Christian whose mind is not renewed by the word of God. The devil knows that defeat is imminent and failure is inevitable for those whose minds are not renewed. Listen, your mind is the gateway to your life! Everything has to pass through your mind before it can find expression in your life. Whatever enters your mind MUST show up in your life.

God's instructions to Joshua (Joshua 1:8) were on how to train his mind and think Godly thoughts. These instructions apply to us as well; these are God's instructions for success.

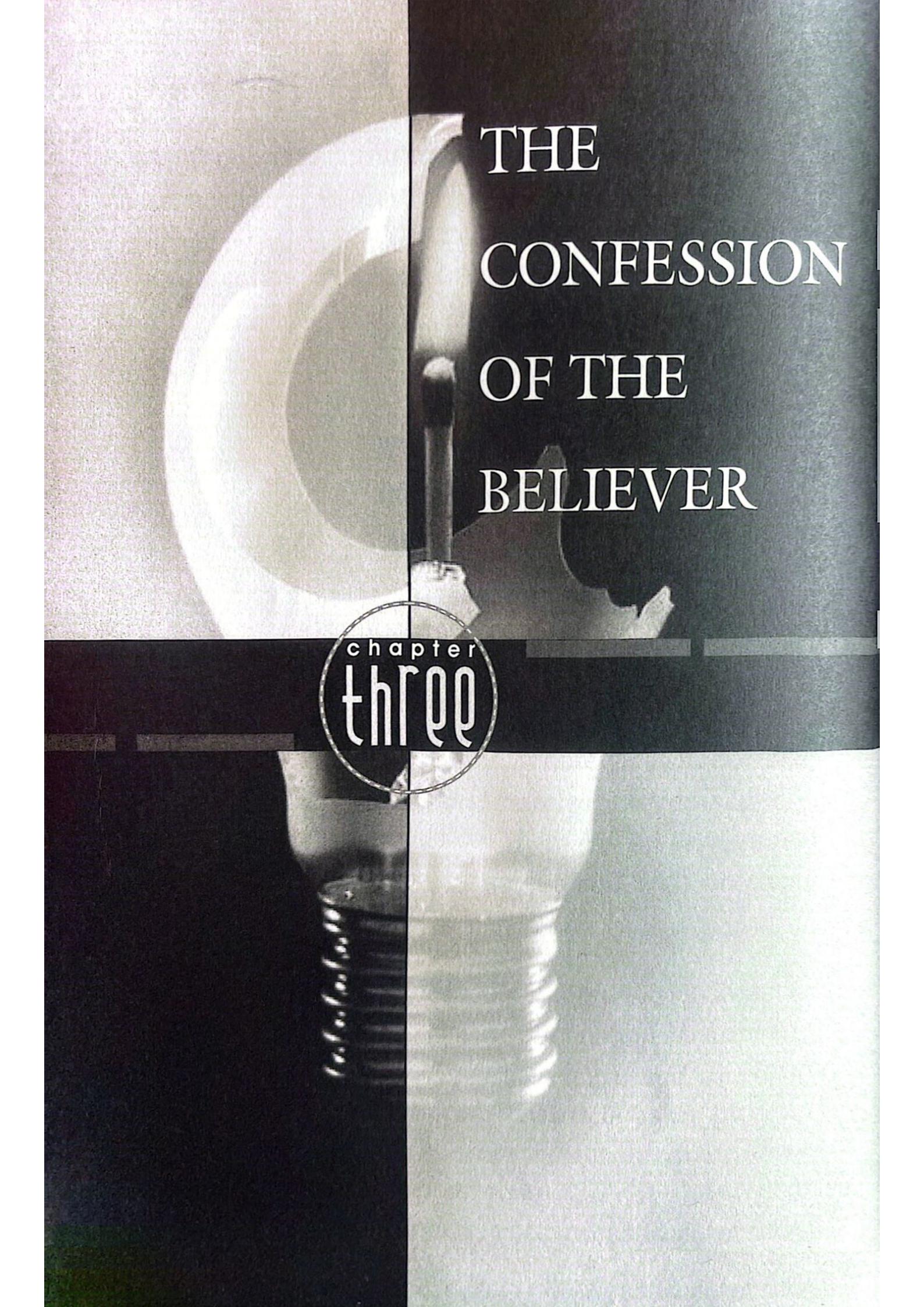
Remember, 'whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable if there is any moral excellence and if there is any praiseworthy on these things'²⁹

It is important that what we allow ourselves to listen to is the right stuff, bad reports and negative thinking will at best hamper our internal faith, and at worst strangle it. The Apostle Peter instructs us to 'gird up the loins of our minds'. In other words, tie up the loose ends; get your mind under wrap. Do not allow your mind run wild. Remember, your mind is your most

important asset and the determining factor of a life of total victory.

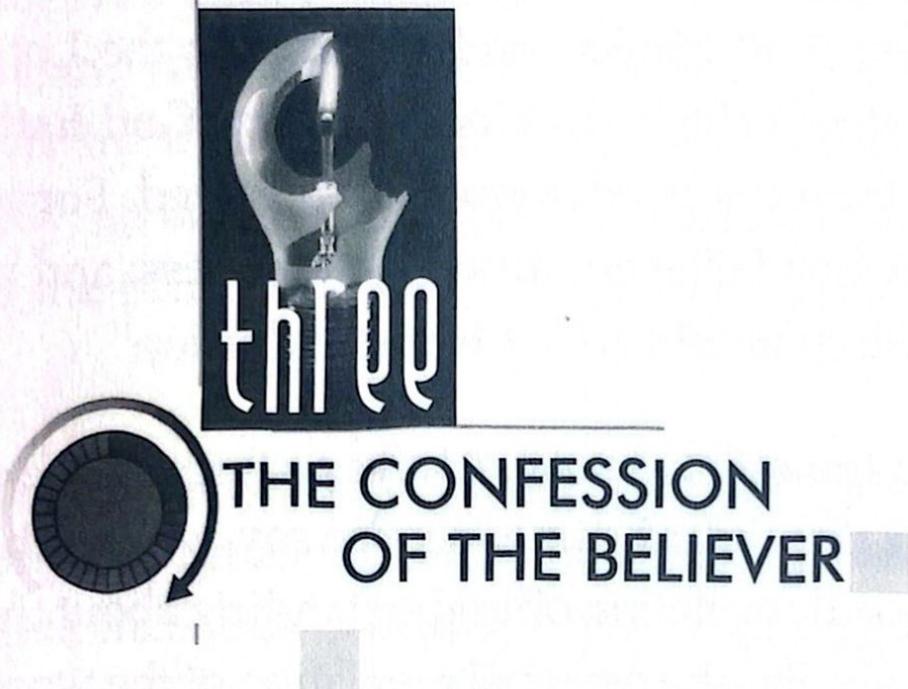


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THE
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Anytime people hear the word 'confession' what readily come to mind is sin. This mind-set must be discarded. The word for "confession" is 'homologeo' in the Greek. It means 'to agree with' or 'say the same thing that God says.' It isn't about merely repeating what you're told by someone else. Rather, it's about getting God's word into your spirit and aligning with that word. You come in harmony with the word of God. Therefore, it becomes a matter of 'God said it, I believe it, and that settles it'.

The believer's confessions are filled with God's word drawn from the heart. The Bible says, 'But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy

heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation¹

It is a travesty to see most folks go through life echoing what they heard someone else say without having a personal revelation or understanding about the word. You see, it is the personal revelation of the word which you have and consequently confess that produces the desired change. Words which do not come forth from the spirit (heart) cannot be effective no matter how much you confess them.

You need to understand that there is no action on God's part without your confession. This is why confession is a vital part of the believer. The confession of the believer is four-fold; there is a confession of who you are in Christ, what you have in Christ, what Jesus had done for you, and what the Holy-Spirit is doing in you.

I wish to re-iterate that your confession is vitally important to your daily victory in life. The Bible tells us, 'And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb, and because of the word of their testimony'²

What does 'they overcame him with the blood of the lamb' mean? Well it means they (believers) overcame the devil by their understanding of salvation. Put succinctly, an understanding of the substitute work of Jesus is the principle a believer has to overcome the devil.

Still on that verse of scripture, 'the word of their testimony' implies the 'logos' of their confession. Many folks have misconstrued this to mean the testimony given during a church service. You see, 'the word of their testimony' simply means that the believer overcomes by the confession of what the word of God says concerning them. Their confession is based on the veracity of the word even in the face of strong opposition.

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I'd like to point something out to you from the second letter of the apostle Paul to Timothy. It reads, 'lay hold on eternal life where unto thou art also called and hast professed many witnesses'³. The Greek word translated 'to lay hold' is 'katecho'. It implies to hold fast. Paul was telling Timothy to hold fast his confession of who he is in Christ, what he has in Christ



and what Christ had accomplished for him. This same instruction is applicable to us also. You need to understand that Christianity is not some religion like most people think. Christianity is life. It is Karl Marx who said, 'religion is opium of the people.' Religion only offers a temporary solution to a problem.

It is the believer's responsibility to confess what he has in Christ. When the devil comes against your marriage, it is your responsibility to confess God's peace. It is an aberration for a Christian to confess sickness, lack or any negative word. The Bible says, 'let those who are citizens of Zion never say "I am sick". Every born-again, spirit filled child of God is a citizen of Zion. Your confession must agree with what God says. God's word says 'the joy of the Lord is my strength', therefore your confession should not be that of weakness but strength. Don't you get it? The confession of your mouth will eventually bring forth the things you speak.



It is your responsibility to search the scriptures to see what God says concerning you, not what the doctors' say.

I believe that most people in church still doubt the integrity of God's word. In all my years of walking with the LORD, I have understood the immutability of



His word. I would rather die standing on His word, than live for a second believing the lie of the devil. God's word never fails. The word of God should be your confident assurance. If God says you are healed, it means exactly that. You don't need to keep looking for the symptoms when God declares you healed.

It is your responsibility to search the scriptures to see what God says concerning you, not what the doctors' say. Listen, your confession should be what God says about you. Remember, the word 'homologeo' means to 'to agree with' or 'say the same thing that God says.' All you need is the right confession. The problem with most Christian folks is that they think they need prayer for everything. They go from one church to another and from one Man of God to another seeking to be prayed for. But, all they need is to search out the scriptures and start making the right confessions. That's the responsibility of the believer.

The Bible says, 'Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, even Jesus'⁴. Jesus is considered as the high priest of our confession. You see, Jesus is the high priest over every confession the believers make in the earth. Your confessions are raw materials for him to work your miracles. God said, 'I will do that which I have heard then say'. It becomes

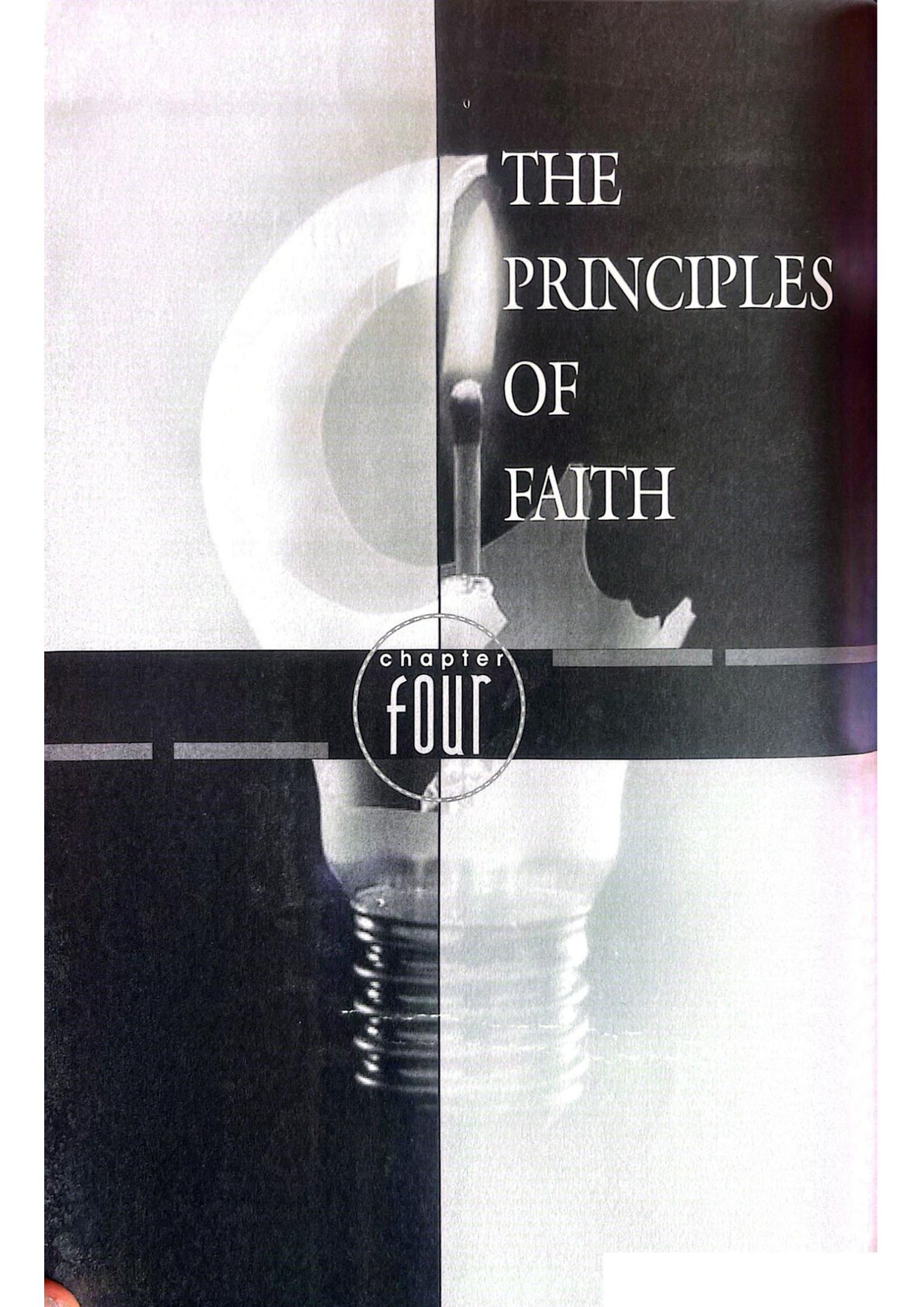
clear that without your confessions God cannot act. Jesus presides over your confessions.

Here is a point you need to
remember; **your confession** establishes you. ➤

"Having then a great high priest, who hath passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession"5. The Bible instructs us here to hold fast our confession. We are not to let go regardless of what we see. Keep making those declarations of faith, don't stop talking it. Keep saying it. Don't stop confessing it till you see the things you speak.

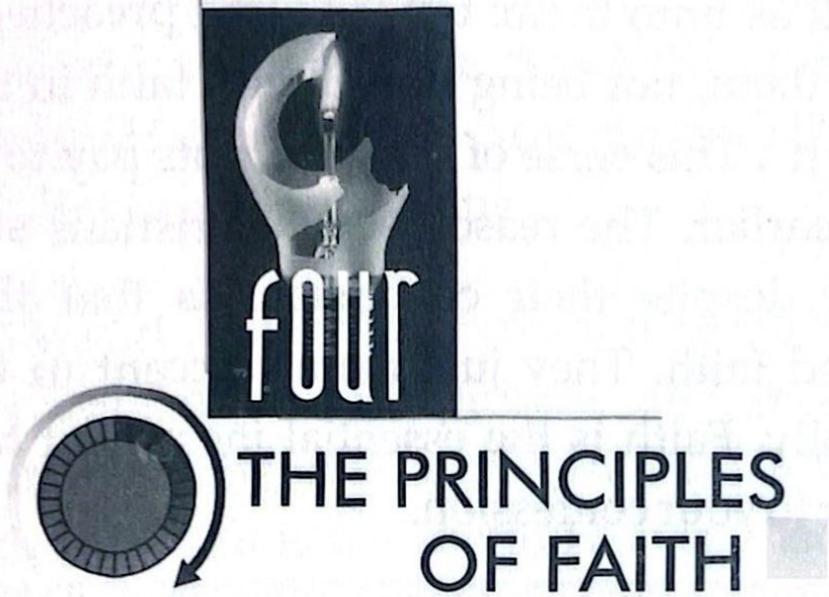


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THE PRINCIPLES OF FAITH

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THE PRINCIPLES OF FAITH

Often times you hear some folks say, 'I've been confessing the word of God for so long, but nothing has changed in my life'. There was this woman who was diagnosed of a certain terminal disease. She got some healing scriptures and thus she began making confessions for healing. Two months later she died. This was really an issue especially with those who heard her make those confessions. However, you have to understand that the word of God has enough power to produce whatever it talks about in your life. All you need to do is mix it with faith. Yes Faith!

The Bible tells us, 'for unto us was the gospel preached,

as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it¹. This verse of scripture puts pay to the issue cited earlier. The reason some Christians still suffer defeat despite their confessions is that they have ignored faith. They just merely accent to the word mentally. Faith is the essential ingredient that gives power to your confession.

Faith is the key by which you can obtain the desires of your heart.

The principle of faith is 'you see it first in God's word, you say it with your mouth and then you see it in the world'. Put succinctly, you don't become what you've not beheld. It is imperative therefore that you understand this principle. The word of God is full of precious promises. Words are the most powerful things in the universe because they are containers that carry faith or fear and they produce after their kind. God operates by the principle of faith. He spoke words of faith and they came to pass. The Bible tells us, 'as it is written, A father of many nations have I made thee) before him whom he believed, even God, who giveth life to the dead, and calleth the things that are not, as though they were². Note that it says God "makes alive the dead, and calls those things that be not, (are not in existence yet,) as though they were already in

existence. This is the essence of what God did in Genesis when He said "Light be!" and, light came into being! Before He said it, light "was not yet", but once He said it, light sprang into being.

Faith forms part of the order of creation, as much in the natural sphere as in the spiritual, and should be applied in everyday life. I agree with Dr. K.C Price when he said, 'faith is the key to Heaven's treasure'. Ignorance of God's promises, and ignorance concerning the principles of faith which must be applied to receive them, have cost many Christians dearly. This ignorance exists because of a deficient personal knowledge of Jesus Christ in their lives. If you would only draw near to Him and seek to please Him through a life of active faith, the results would be amazing. It would change the way you talk, the way you think, the way you act, and the way God would move in and through your life. God wants us to talk, think and act like He means what He says! Too many Christians struggle along, desperately begging God for things He has already promised, or already declared that He has given to us. Everything His Word promises is for us to receive. We must appropriate these blessings by faith.

What really is Faith? The Bible puts it this way; 'Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of

what is not seen³. Faith is the substance out of which God creates whatever is. God uses faith, and so we need to act exactly the same way in order to produce the same results. Understand that you have the same ability as God has residing on the inside of you. Does God want you to call those things that are not as though they are? Certainly Yes!

The Bible says, 'But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation⁴'. This scripture shows the connection between the heart and mouth. In other words Faith and confession go together. One is not effective without the other. When the individual who has gotten God's word into his heart opens his mouth to confess God's word, his confessions are not empty chatters for it comes from a deep conviction. Confessions are made of words from the human spirit (heart). It is this type of confessions that are called confessions of faith. Whatever you believe in your heart and speak with your mouth will definitely produce results for you.

Faith is the expression of confidence in God's word knowing that His word alone is Truth. Faith is receiving, accepting and endorsing God's word as the final authority.

I encourage you to get into God's word. Take it into your spirit and internalize its truths. The Psalmist said, 'thy word have I hid in my heart that I may not sin against thee'⁵. Believe with your spirit, don't just mentally accent to the word. In His prayer Jesus declared, 'for I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me'⁶. His word has He given to us. His word contains faith. You don't receive the word in isolation. As you receive the word, you receive faith also. The Bible says, 'So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ'⁷.

Only by mouth confession can this faith power be released, allowing tremendous things to happen. Remember, the key to receiving the desires of your heart is to make the words of your mouth agree with what you want. Whatever comes out of your mouth shall be produced in your life.

Now let's look at what Jesus taught the disciples.

'And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, 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. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.'⁸

Notice it says, "Have Faith in God". The Greek meaning here can be expressed, "have the God kind of faith," or "use God's kind of faith." Now if Jesus is teaching us that we should actually use God's kind of Faith, He is saying to do just that. We should use God's faith in the same way that God uses it. How? you may ask Well, by speaking! The Bible 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'⁹

Faith isn't a trick that we do with our lips, but an expression that springs from the conviction of our hearts. The idea that the confession of faith is a "formula" to obtain things from GOD does not have biblical foundation. What Jesus teaches us here is that the faith we have in our hearts must be expressed, which converts it into something active and effective,

which produces desired results.



Everything in God's kingdom functions by the principle of faith.

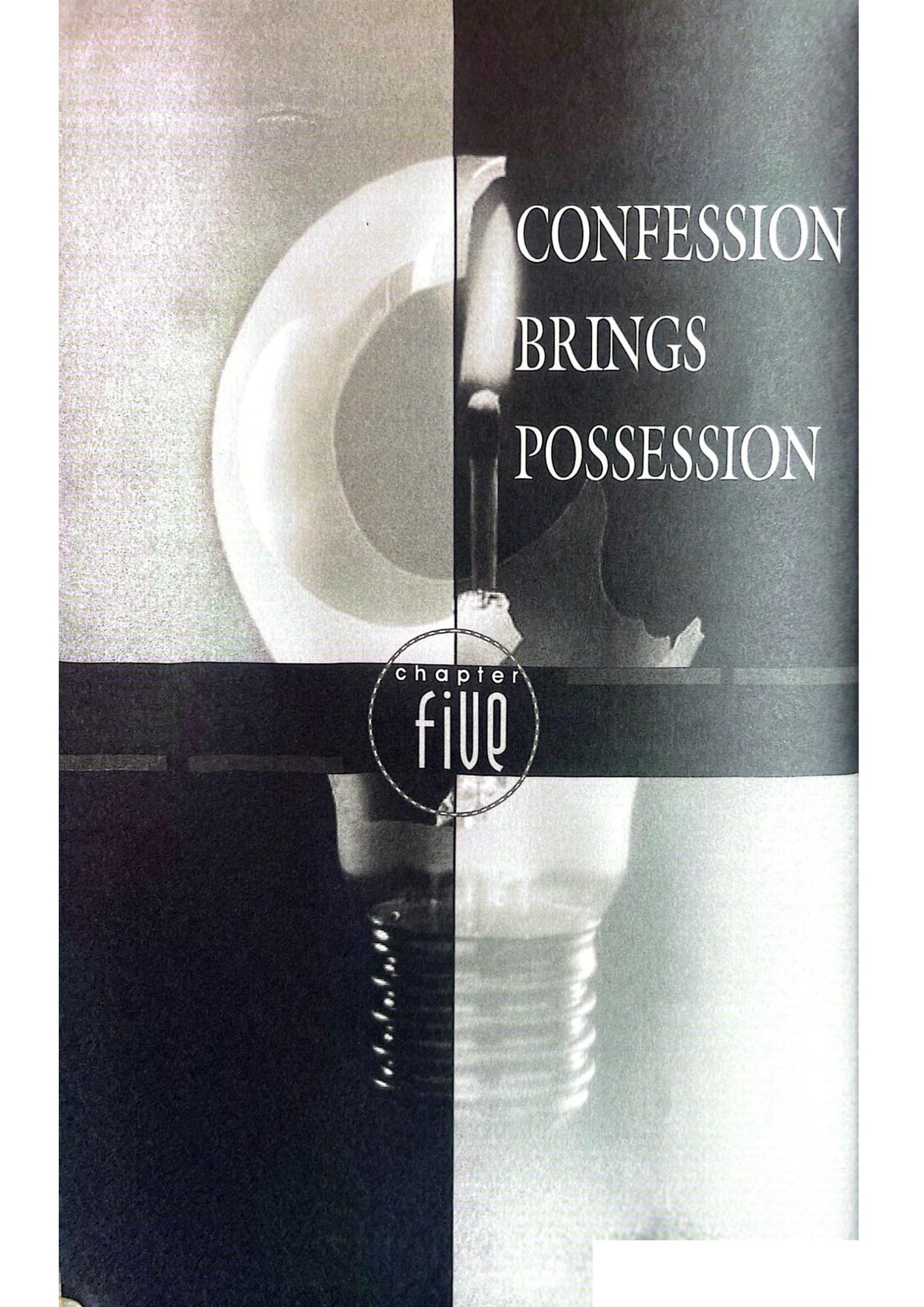
The Bible tells us, 'the just shall live by faith'¹⁰. Faith is the only way to live and operate in this kingdom. If you are not living by faith, then you've consigned yourself to a life of failure, frustration and struggles, it's that simple! Divine health, financial prosperity, marital bliss, etc, all function by the principle of faith. Whatever you do outside the purview of faith is simply an exercise in futility.

Over and over again, the Bible makes it clear that once you believe, you must confess, or speak, the thing that you believe. Even in being saved, we follow the process of believing in our heart, and confessing with our mouth. This principle of confessing God's Word to bring to pass what is true in the spiritual realm into manifestation in the natural realm is a key Biblical principle!

Living faith, require that the mouth and the heart act in harmony. True faith emanate from lips that are nourished from the depths of the heart. As a living principle, the confession of faith isn't the ritualistic recitation of coined phrases; because, if so, they would represent a mere tribute to a human tradition.

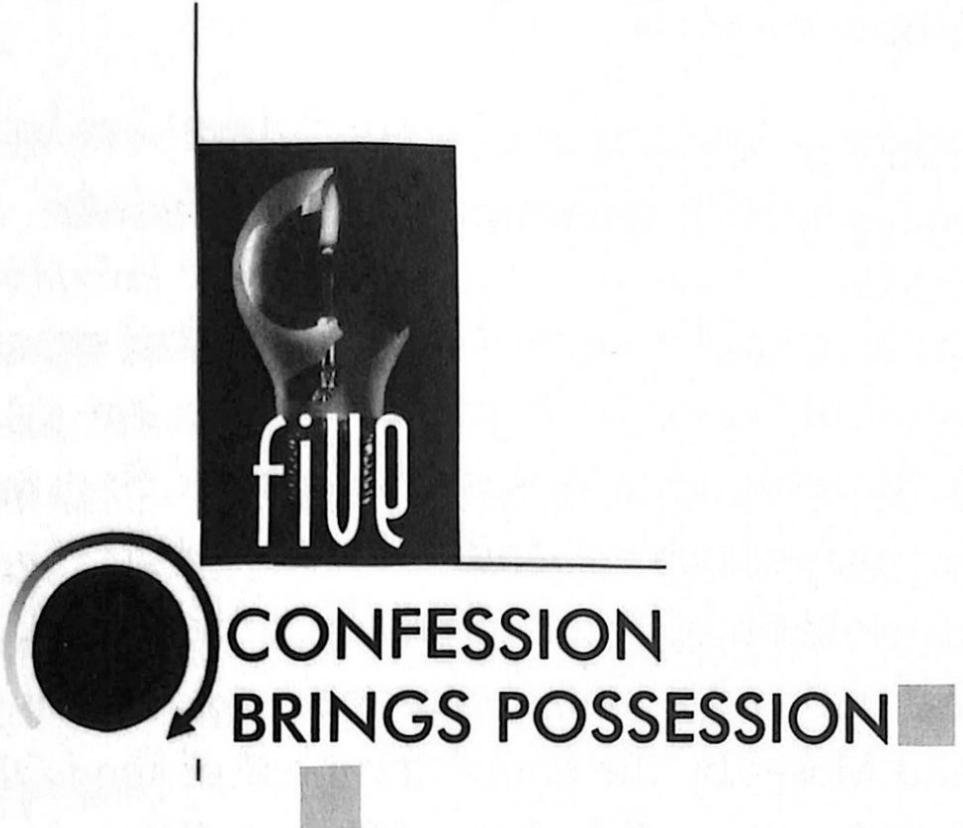


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Confession is simply acknowledging God's word as truth and not necessarily that we have sinned. We are referring to using God's words, by speaking words He has already spoken, in order to agree with Him for what He has for us and already proclaimed about our future. In so doing, you are coming into agreement with Him by expecting these things to happen to you. By your confession you are proclaiming God's word, as though it was written thousands of years ago specifically for you, because it was! These are God's precious promises for our lives.

I want to re-iterate that the Christians speech is an essential part of his life. Remember that you will



always have whatsoever you say. In other words, your confession will determine what you possess.

Let us consider some classical Biblical examples of how confession determines possession. 'And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, everyone a ruler among them. And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Paran: all those men were heads of the children of Israel. And these were their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur. Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori. Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph. Of the tribe of Ephraim, Oshea the son of Nun. Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu. Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi. Of the tribe of Joseph, namely, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi. Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli. Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael. Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsy. Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi. These are the names of the men which Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Oshea the son of Nun Jehoshua. And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this

way southward, and go up into the mountain: And see the land, what it is; and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they be strong or weak, few or many; And what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be good or bad; and what cities they be that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strong holds; And what the land is, whether it be fat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the first ripe grapes¹.

The mission was spelt out for these spies. Here was the report they gave:

*Whatever you speak from the heart of faith,
you will certainly possess.*

'And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land. And they told him, and said, we came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak

there. The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan².

This was the land the LORD had already given them by promise. Notice God is not man that He should tell a lie. Joshua and Caleb received this Word from God into their hearts. Joshua and Caleb's confession was:

Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, 'We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it'³.

However, the other ten spies chose to believe what their own senses and mere human reason told them instead of what God had spoken. Israel believed the majority report that, in this case, was not right. This was their confession:

"But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are." And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our

own eyes, and we looked the same to them." That night all the people of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, 'If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this desert! Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt? And they said to each other, 'We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt'⁴.

These ten spies and Israel rebelled against God by rejecting God's Word and accepting "common sense".



Faith is the essential ingredient that gives power to your confession.

From a military stand point, Israel was no match for the Canaanites. However, Israel as a whole discounted both the Word of God and his faithfulness. God had already proven his faithfulness to Israel by his past protection and providence through miracles. In spite of the negative confessions of their colleagues, Joshua and Caleb maintained a faith-filled confession. I want you to understand this, Caleb saw the same giants and walled cities that the other spies saw, The words of Caleb proclaimed a conviction, a "confession", before all Israel: "we are more able than they are". He had

examined the terrain, something that reminds us that faith isn't blind. Faith doesn't deny the reality or the difficulty: it declares the power of GOD over the situation.

Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes and said to the entire Israelite assembly, 'The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will swallow them up. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them'⁵.

God rewarded everyone according to his own faith and resulting confession. That generation of Israel said that they could not conquer and possess Canaan and they did not. Joshua and Caleb both said that they were able to conquer and possess Canaan and they did. However, they had to wait until the present generation of Israel had died in the wilderness.

The LORD gave this charge to Moses and Aaron:

'So tell them [the Israelites] `As surely as I live, declares the LORD, I will do to you the very things I heard you

say: In this desert your bodies will fallev every one of you twenty years old or more who was counted in the census and who has grumbled against me. Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun⁶.

Let us see another example of confession bringing possession. The Bible tells us of a certain woman who was hemorrhaged:

Freed from your suffering. 'And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was f r e e d from her suffering.

At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'" But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman,

knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."⁷

■ Whatever you speak from the
heart of faith, you will
certainly possess.

Before coming to Jesus, she had said to herself, "If I can just touch Jesus' clothing, I will be healed." Her confession was silent, but God heard her faith speaking. Notice what she said; 'If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed'. She received what she said. Remember, the key to receiving the desires of your heart is to make the words of your mouth agree with what you want.

'The next day when they came out from Bethany, He was hungry. After seeing in the distance a fig tree with leaves, He went to find out if there was anything on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. He said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again!" And His disciples heard it⁸.

From Jesus' own lips we receive the most direct and practical demonstration concerning the exercise of our

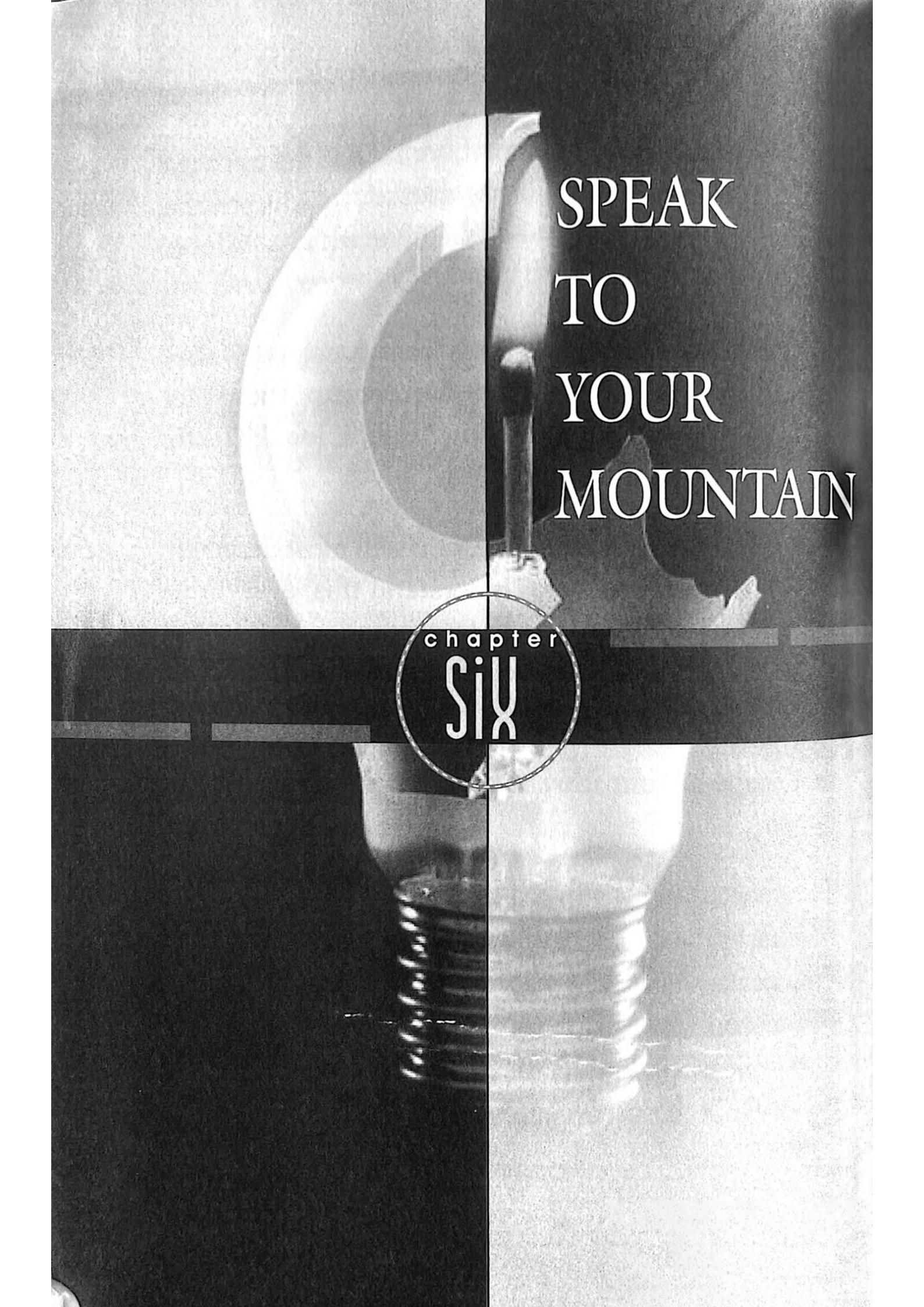
faith. What Jesus teaches us here is that the faith we have in our hearts must be expressed, which converts it into something active and effective, which produces concrete results.

'Early in the morning, as they were passing by, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots up. Then Peter remembered and said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that You cursed is withered."¹⁹

If only your heart can believe, you will most definitely have whatever you say. Understand this; everything in life has been programmed to respond to the word of God. Whatever you speak from the heart of faith, you will certainly possess.



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SPEAK
TO
YOUR
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'And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, 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. Therefore I say unto you, what things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.'¹

Speaking the Word brings God's power and authority to bear on a physical problem! Notice Jesus says, "Whoever will say." The promise here is not to EVERYONE. It is to anyone that will "say!" The

qualifier is that you must be willing to speak God's Word over the situation! And, note, He is not saying talk ABOUT the situation, He is saying rather to talk TO the situation, or thing! You must be willing to "say to the mountain" what you want it to do! Many people are simply not willing to "say!" They won't speak their faith.

*God wants you to speak to the mountain,
not complain about your problems.*

People who go about talking about their problems are actually looking for people to pity them. Stop talking about your pain; quit talking about your lack of money; stop complaining about the pain in your body, instead talk to the problem.

I want you to understand that everything created has intelligence. In other words, every creation responds when spoken to. How would you describe the fig tree Jesus spoke to? How would you also describe the wind and the raging storm that heard the command of peace Jesus spoke? The Bible says, 'And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the



waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, what manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?¹²

You don't fight your problems. With your mouth God expects you to send the devil out. You don't fight your problems. Faith speaks! The solution to every challenge and the answer to every problem are in your mouth. God didn't say 'pray to me and I will solve your problems'. I want to re-iterate that every creation has intelligence. Your body has intelligence. So talk to that sickness; speak to that tumor in the name of Jesus. It will hear you. You see, nothing is ever too late. As long as you've got the understanding that everything has intelligence, start speaking now. 'Nothing shall be impossible unto you' are the words of Jesus to him that believes. This is a statement of truth!

'Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, of the village of Mary and her sister Martha. And it was that Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and

wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. The sisters therefore sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. But when Jesus heard it, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified thereby. Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. When therefore he heard that he was sick, he abode at that time two days in the place where he was. Then after this he saith to the disciples, Let us go into Judaea again... and after this he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus is fallen asleep; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. The disciples therefore said unto him, Lord, if he is fallen asleep, he will recover. Now Jesus had spoken of his death: but they thought that he spake of taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus therefore said unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.... So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou heardest me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the multitude that standeth around I said it, that they may believe that thou didst send me. And when he had thus spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. He that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes; and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, loose him, and let him go³.



Jesus did something very remarkable. He stood outside the entrance of that cave and called Lazarus like He would call any living person. Jesus refused to recognize death. He didn't say 'arise from the dead!' neither did He spend time rebuking death. He simply said, 'Lazarus come forth! Death had to let Lazarus go. Refuse to recognize cancer, or any kind of disease. You have to come to that point in your life when you believe the words of Jesus that anything is possible.

■ The point is this; God is with
you. This is one truth He
wants **you to grasp.** ▶

God wants you to live a victorious life through His word. He has made you a master over Satan. Listen, there is no situation that is hopeless; all you need is to understand what the word says about the situation and the faith to change things will come to you. Remember, you don't receive the word in isolation. Once you get that word concerning your case, lay hold of it (katecho) that is your liberty.

*God is always watching over His word
in your life to perform it.*

I want you to understand that God will do nothing until you speak. He only responds to your declaration



of faith. What you say nothing about nothing gets done about it. Keep saying what God said about that situation and watch the manifestations. Refuse to accept the doctors' pronouncements or reports. Dare to believe God and speak those words to that situation. Speaking the Word brings God's power and authority to bear on a physical problem!

Too many Christians struggle along, desperately begging God for things He has already promised, or already declared that He has given to us. Prosperity is yours, so is healing. Emotionally tormenting oneself does not impress God or move Him to respond. God responds to faith. Without faith it is impossible to please Him.

One of the best ways to break free from satanic strongholds is simply by renewing your mind and speaking words of victory. Every day, look in the mirror and declare, "God's Word says I am strong. God is fighting my battles for me. I'm excited about my future." Maybe you are lonely because you don't have a lot of friends. Instead of complaining, start declaring, "God is bringing great people into my life. I know He loves me, so I can risk loving others." Learn to speak blessings over your life, and as you do, you'll go out with more confidence, you'll be more congenial and, in turn, you will attract new friends.

Some people live in a perpetual state of financial crisis. They can't seem to pay their bills "always living under their circumstances" and constantly speaking defeat. If you are struggling financially, remind yourself repeatedly, "I am the head and I am not the tail. I will lend and I will not borrow. Everything I touch will prosper and succeed."



As a child of God nothing is impossible with you. No matter how hopeless the situation may appear, you can effect a change by consistently speaking God's word concerning that situation.

A certain woman was diagnosed with terminal cancer in 1981; she made a list of 40 Scripture passages about healing. All through the day, she'd quote those Scriptures and say things such as, "I will live and not die. God is restoring health unto me. With long life He satisfies me." Even though the doctors had given her only a few weeks to live, this woman refused to see herself as defeated and dying. Instead, she saw herself growing stronger, living a long, healthy, happy life. Her words caused her faith to rise and filled her with hope. Little by little she started feeling better, and eventually, God supernaturally healed her! Today, she is still vibrantly alive.



You can do the same thing. Find the Scriptures that apply to your situation and then declare them. This is especially important in areas in which you continually struggle.

If your son is not doing well, don't go around announcing that your son is a failure; keep speaking into his life what you want to see. Declare what the word says concerning that child. That's what changes the situation. Quit complaining. Any bad thing you talk about becomes worse. When you talk about your problem all the time, the problem becomes magnified.

The Bible tells us, 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness covered the surface of the watery depths, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light'⁴.

Notice, that the situation was dark. God refused to speak about the darkness. This is instructive. The more you speak what you see about the situation the bigger it becomes. God chose to speak what He wanted. As a child of God nothing is impossible with you. No matter how hopeless the situation may appear, you can effect a change by consistently speaking God's word concerning that situation.



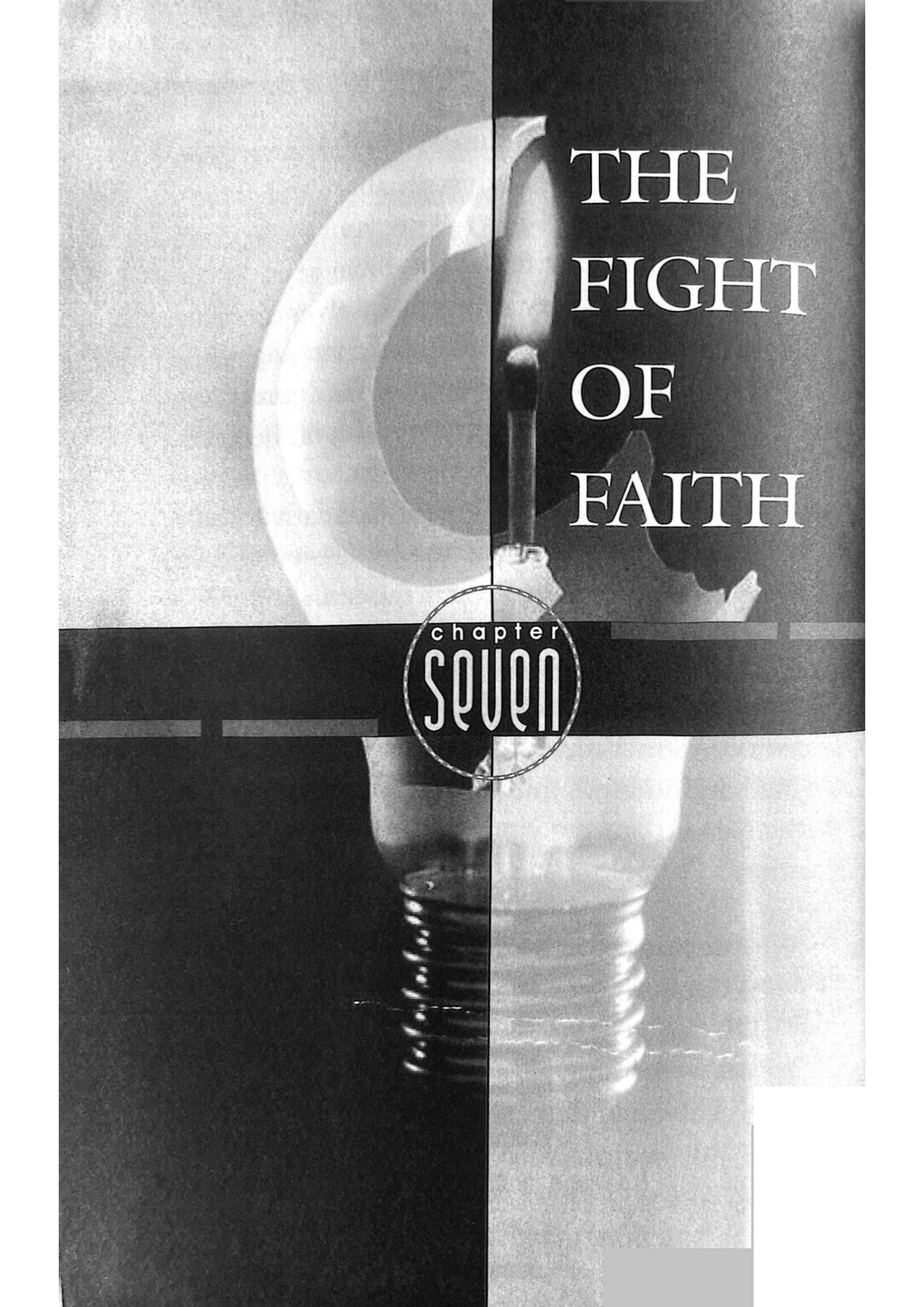
You may be saying to yourself, 'well I have been confessing the word over this situation and there's been no improvement'. Keep talking your faith. Don't even stop talking your faith. The Bible says, 'If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth⁵. It may seem as if nothing is changing while you are speaking forth the word of God, but those words are actually working in the realm of the spirit. They will produce results by effecting change in your situation. So, keep saturating your clouds with rain. Although setbacks will come, the confession of faith will bring victory to the believer in the end.

When great challenges confront you, don't allow your lips to pronounce unbelieving words. Don't dare to pronounce demoralizing words. Remember, words can bind and unbind, thus, it's important to maintain silence! Search out the word of God concerning that situation.

We can't decide what we see or hear, but refusing to manifest doubt or fear will incline our hearts toward what GOD can do.

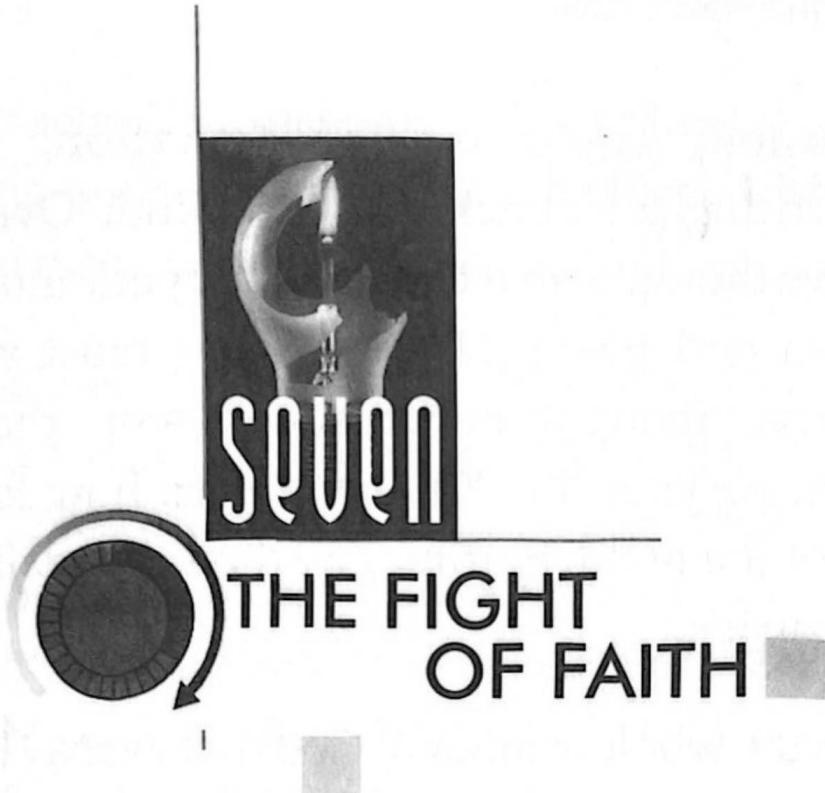


Become a mountain
mover. Yes you can!



THE
FIGHT
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SEVEN



Prayer is very important. Confession is an essential part of the Christian life. The Devil knows that most people talk more than they actually pray. You see, from the time you pray and when you get the manifestation of what you pray for, what do you actually speak? This is where most Christians tend to miss it. You don't get what you pray for; you only get what you say. It is vital you understand this. Most Christians, having prayed, go about talking failure, defeat, lack and disappointment and wonder why their prayers are not answered.

There's a war going on and your Mind is the battlefield. If you suffer from worry, doubt, confusion,

depression, anger or condemnation, you are experiencing an attack in your mind. Overcoming negative thoughts that come against your mind brings freedom and peace. However, you must recognize damaging thought patterns and stop them from influencing your life. You must learn how to win the battle of the mind. Spiritual warfare is a reality of the Christian life.

'Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand'¹.

*To fight a good fight of faith, you must
learn to win first from your mind*

Paul the Apostle instructs us to take up the whole armour of God in order to stand against the wiles of the Devil. The word 'wiles' in the Greek is 'methodos' from which the word 'method' is derived. It is important that you understand the operational patterns of the devil in order to win the battles of the mind. The word

Devil is actually 'diabolos'. It implies to throw something until it penetrates a barrier. This name gives credence to how he functions.

The Christian is never at war with the devil. It is vital to understand that the devil is eternally defeated. The Bible says, 'having despoiled the principalities and the powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it'². The Christian's responsibility is to enforce this victory. It is unscriptural for a Christian to say he is fighting with the devil.

The only fight the Christian is called to fight is the fight of faith. The Bible tells us, 'Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses'³. Notice, it says the good fight of faith; this is because, we know the end our side wins. This is our confidence! Knowing this, we don't approach life from a defeatist perspective, but, from a victors' perspective; we are more than conquerors.

What then is the fight of faith? Jesus said, 'Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren'⁴. This is what the fight of faith is all about; our faith. Satan understands that if he

succeeds at getting you off your faith in the word of God, he has succeeded in defeating you. For the Christian, faith is the victory; for whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith⁵. Through faith, the Christian controls the natural from the supernatural realm.

Every attack of the devil is targeted at your faith. If he comes against your finance, health or marriage it is actually directed at your faith. It is important you understand his methods. The Apostle Paul calls it wiles. Satan will try to get you to say negative things about the situation.

How do you then fight this good fight of faith? Simple!

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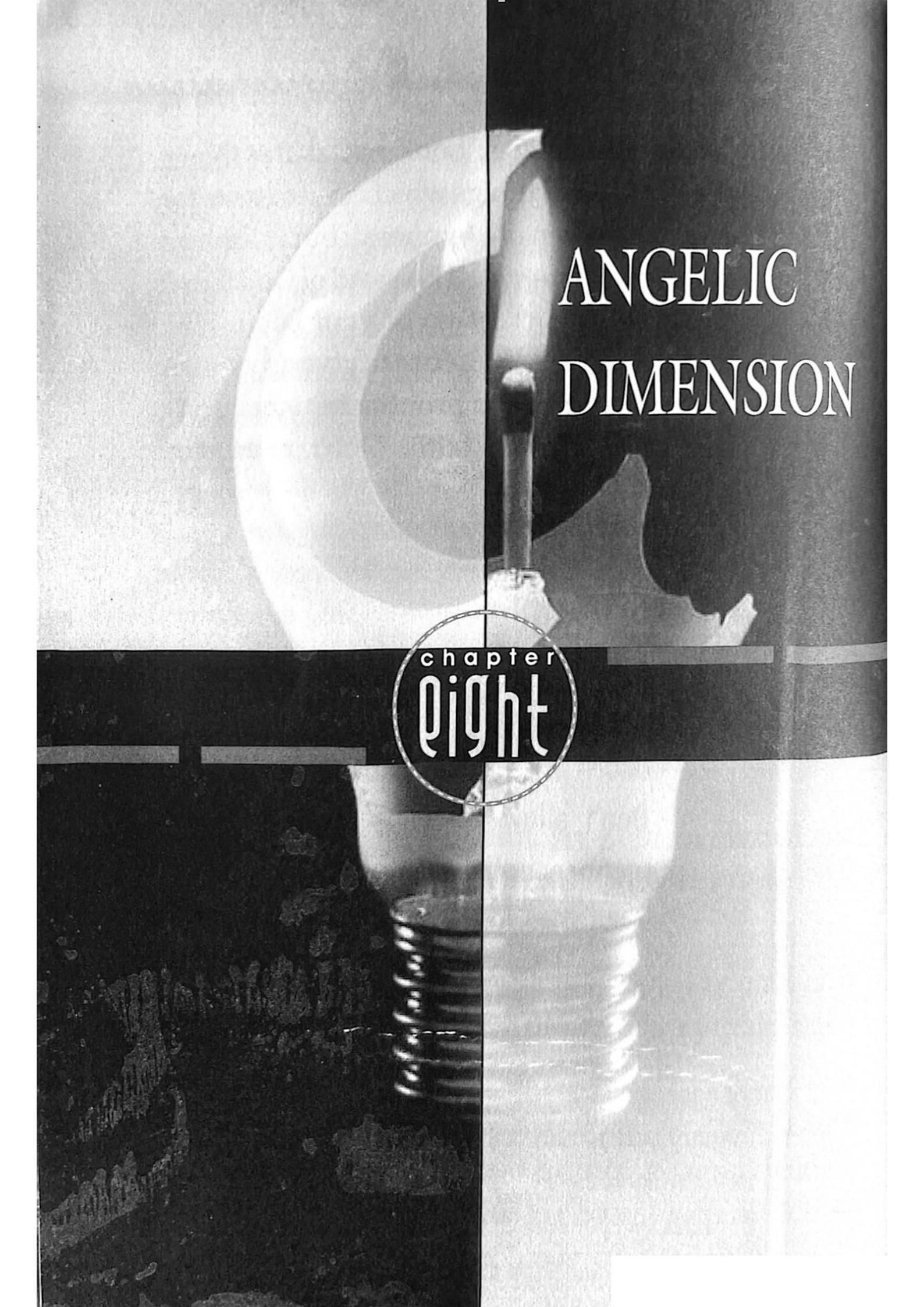
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Observe the underlined portion of the verse. The key to fighting the good fight of faith is in laying hold of eternal life. In other words, get a firm grip of eternal realities. Don't let go of your confession of faith.

regardless of the challenges. Look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal⁷. The word of God forms the unseen realities. Don't let go of your confession; that is where your miracle is. Refuse to give up on your faith. Don't allow your lips to pronounce unbelieving words. Keep talking your faith. Don't even stop talking your faith.



*Don't allow your lips to
pronounce unbelieving words*



ANGELIC DIMENSION

chapter
eight



The invisible realm is something present in our midst, not some distant reality. Angels are real! They don't appear occasionally in the Bible; they manifest themselves continually!

'And he dreamed. And behold, a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God ascending and descending on it.'¹

In fact, the Bible gives validity to the force represented by these invisible creatures. Speaking of Angels, the Bible says, 'Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?'² So we see that the ministry of Angels applies to us today.

It is important to understand that angels form a structured society with different levels of authority, according to the order created by GOD which exerts profound influence on the history of mankind. From scriptures, it's clear that the angelic host consists of a hierarchy of angelic beings. For instance, we read, 'but the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia'.³

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This shows that angelic warriors have a principal chief, Michael, who is also called archangel, that is, one who governs over others. Seraphim and cherubim appear to fulfill a leadership role in worship, while Michael leads the fighting angels.

Jesus had a close association with angels. An angel was sent by GOD to announce Jesus' birth to the Virgin Mary and her spouse, Joseph.

'Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of

the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee. But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this might be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS⁴

The angels were also present at Jesus' birth and announced it to the shepherds.

'And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock. And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this is the sign unto you: Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased'.⁵

Angels protected the baby from the jealousy and ire of King Herod.

'Now when they were departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I tell thee: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him... But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, Arise and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead that sought the young child's life'⁶

Sometime later in Jesus' life, and at the end of his 40 day fast, angels ministered to him and strengthened him.

'Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him'⁷.

The night that he was betrayed, an angel strengthened Jesus, preparing him for the cross;

'And there appeared unto him an angel from heaven, strengthening him'⁸.

Even at the resurrection of Jesus, angels were present;

'And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the stone, and sat upon it⁹.

Angels were also present when Jesus ascended into Heaven;

'And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel'¹⁰

Angels are real and their influence on the history of humanity is profound. They manifest themselves continually!

"Bless the LORD, ye his angels that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure"¹¹

Angels exists to serve GOD in the following ways;

1. To bless GOD (in service and worship)
2. To carry out his word (in earthly activities)
3. To obey the voice of the divine Word (just as it is announced through the saints on Earth)
4. To minister in God's stead
5. To accomplish the divine will

My focus is on the ministry of angels in relation to the Believers' confession. Angels are ministering spirits sent by God to minister for us who are heirs of salvation. In other words, Angels are God's agents sent to administer His covenant blessings to His saints on earth. Whatever it is you desire from God, Angels are responsible for releasing it.

'Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue'¹²

Notice from this verse, God has given unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness. These things become yours only through the knowledge of the word of God. It is the revelation knowledge of who God is, and what His word says concerning you that makes you a partaker of the things that pertain to life and godliness. Angels are the ones who manifest all things that pertain unto life, while the Holy Spirit brings to manifestation all things that pertain to godliness.

All the blessings that the patriarchs and indeed every covenant son and daughter enjoy are made possible by

the ministry of Angels. That's why Angels are so important. The Bible says a believer is encompassed with "innumerable" company of Angels¹³. Angels are always around every child of God; they are there to accomplish some specific things.

'Bless the LORD, ye His Angels that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word'¹⁴

The words we speak are seeds that we sow into the spiritual realm. Angels harken to the Word of God, so when we speak His Promises, we are literally making things happen in the unseen world which will manifest in our lives. Angels are programmed to act when God's word is spoken. God's word will not return to Him void; Angels are there to bring to reality every word of God you confess. They are committed to follow through the word until it becomes a reality.



The words we speak are seeds that we sow into the spiritual realm.

'Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?'¹⁵

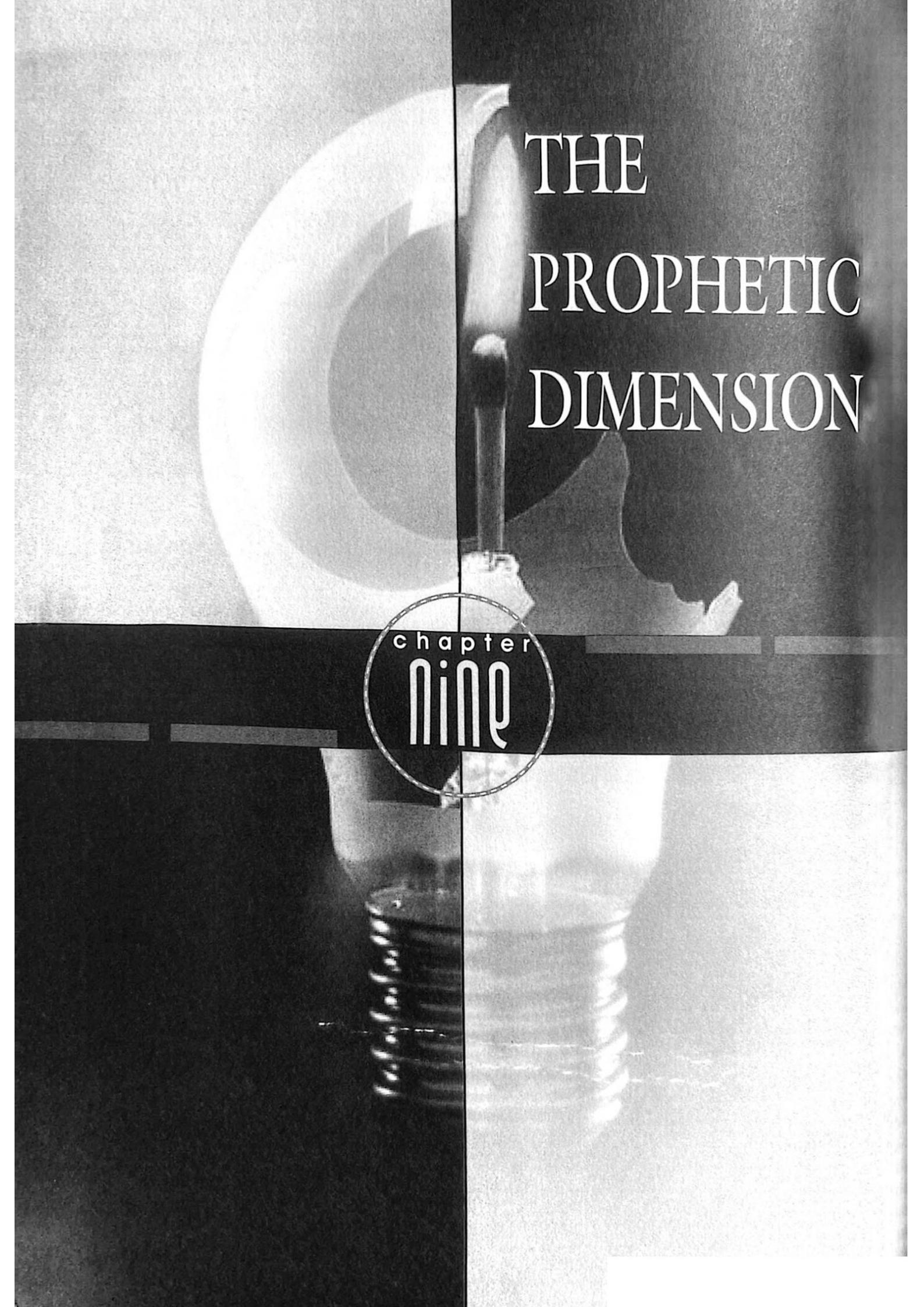
You need to understand that whatever you speak is

what you will get. Angels are committed to bring to pass your words. One of the ways Angels do spiritual warfare is through the declaration of God's word you make. When you confess God's word concerning your finance, prosperity and health, Angels go forth to manifest it.

Learn to put your Angels to work by confessing what God says about you.

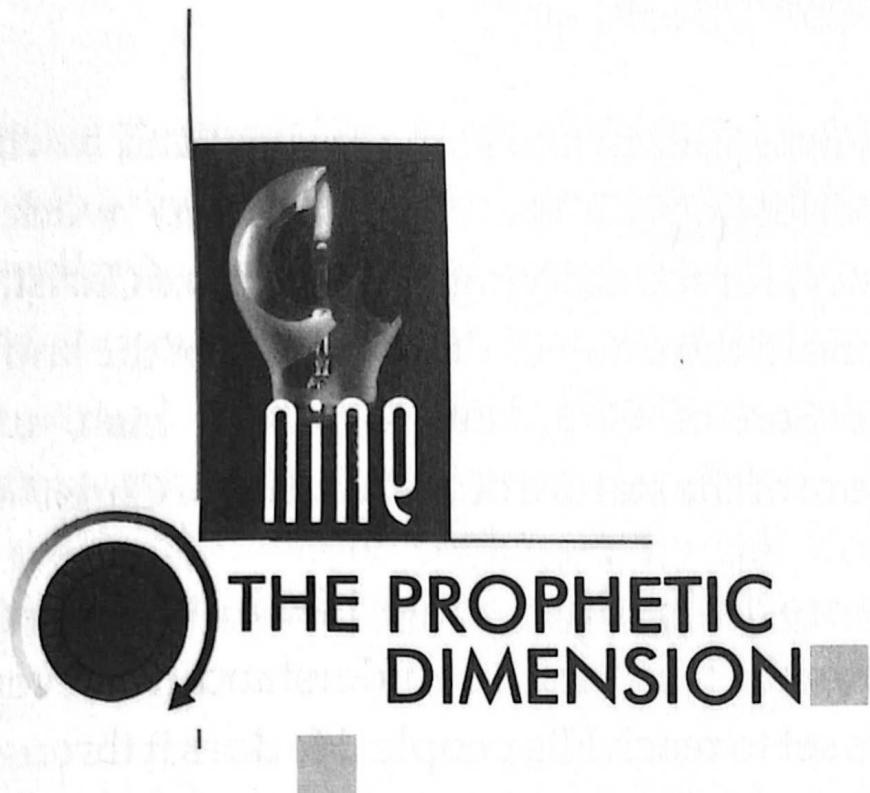


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THE PROPHETIC DIMENSION

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THE PROPHETIC DIMENSION

Too many Christians go around without a 'spiritual head'. It is a travesty to see that many of these Christians are stranded on the highways of life, frustrated and despondent simply because they do not know, or have simply ignored the positions of these spiritual heads.

I'd like you to understand that God has set a structure of Authority in the church, failure to recognize these authorities lead to unpleasant outcomes.

The Bible says;

'And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and

some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ¹

These are the Spiritual authorities instituted by God in the church. It is vital to understand that every time God is set to reach His people, He does it through these spiritual authorities. They are what you may call "channels of blessings".

*You don't buy prophetic blessings with money; you only connect with your heart.
It's your spiritual connectivity that provokes the flow of the blessing.*

You cannot be blessed when you speak against men of God. 'He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward'².

When I speak of Prophet, I refer to the spiritual authority in the church. Now the Prophet is an agent of rewards. The ministry of the prophet is an essential



part of your destiny. The devil understands this full well; that is why he wages war tirelessly against your access to the blessings of the prophet. All the devil wants to accomplish is to disconnect people whose destiny is tied to the prophet. There are negative information you may have heard about your Pastor which were deliberately packaged by the devil to disconnect you from your prophetic channel of blessing.

You cannot be blessed when you speak against men of God, especially your spiritual head. There are certain folks who arrogantly despise their spiritual head and wonder why things are not well with them.

'And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married; for he had married a Cushite woman. And they said, Hath Jehovah indeed spoken only with Moses? hath he not spoken also with us? And Jehovah heard it. Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men that were upon the face of the earth. And Jehovah spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tent of meeting. And they three came out. And Jehovah came down in a pillar of cloud, and stood at the door of the Tent, and called Aaron and Miriam; and they both came forth. And he said, Hear now my words: if there be a prophet

among you, I Jehovah will make myself known unto him in a vision, I will speak with him in a dream... And the cloud removed from over the Tent; and, behold, Miriam was leprous, as white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous³

Anyone who speaks against his/her spiritual head will always receive judgment instead of blessing. It's important you know this.

I wish to re-iterate that the blessing of the prophet is an essential part of your destiny. It is important you understand that most times God won't reach you directly; He would rather reach you through the prophet.

'But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Zarephath, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow⁴.

Elijah was the prophet sent to this widow to be an instrument of blessing. The prophet knew the plight of this widow; 'And she said, As Jehovah thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but a handful of meal in the jar, and a little oil in the cruse: and, behold, I am



gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die⁵.

Elijah the prophet insisted that the widow make him a meal first. You see, prophets do strange things.

'And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said; but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it forth unto me, and afterward make for thee and for thy son'.⁶

Elijah's request would have received condemnation today by so many; it would have been considered a lack of compassion. However, the widow's obedience to the prophet's instruction was the key to her blessing. The truth is men of God don't need what you have; it is you who need what they have. Prophets are channels of God's blessings.



It is vital to know that the Prophet you malign, scorn or ashamed of, can never be a blessing to you.

Then Elijah the prophet declared; 'For thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, The jar of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that Jehovah sendeth rain upon the earth'.⁷

'Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they in closed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake'⁸

Peter had toiled all night without taking in anything. The prophetic word from Jesus terminated Peter's toiling. The word of God from the mouth of your Prophet can put an end to all of your struggles.

God is committed to bring to pass the words of His messengers. 'That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof'⁹

Listen; there are situations you may never come out from except by the ministry of the prophet. The Bible says, 'And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved'.¹⁰

Israel couldn't have been able to come out of the

bondage they were in without the ministry of the prophet. It is vital to know that the Prophet you malign, scorn or ashamed of, can never be a blessing to you.

'And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper'.¹¹

Your prosperity is tied to the ministry of the Prophet. Remember, prophets are agents of divine rewards. Your spiritual connection to your prophet is a great asset to your destiny. You don't buy prophetic blessings with money; you only connect with your heart. It's your spiritual connectivity that provokes the flow of the blessing.

'As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man'.¹²

Being a member of a local Church does not give you automatic access to the blessing of a prophet. It is your heart connection that grants you access. This explains why many people may be in church and not



be blessed. Many believers' are just too proud to recognize their spiritual head. You connect to the prophetic unction with your heart; it's a heart-to-heart connection.

The blessing of the prophet begins by receiving the prophet and believing his ministry. Doubts and unbelief can rob you of the blessing of prophetic declaration.

In your life, when your Pastor instructs or counsels you in line with God's word believe and do whatever he tells you to do and you'll receive a miracle. Remember that God's ministers are anointed of God to bring His word of blessings to you. In the midst of adversity, God sends you His prophet to rescue you.

FAITH-FILLED CONFESSIONS FOR HEALTH

"But it was our pain he took, and our diseases were put on him: while to us he seemed as one diseased, on whom God's punishment had come. But it was for our sins he was wounded, and for our evil doings he was crushed: he took the punishment by which we have peace, and by his wounds we are made well". (Isaiah 53:4-5 BBE, 1 Peter 2:24, Matthew 8:17)

Thank you lord Jesus for bearing my sickness and infirmities. You bore them on yourself so I don't have them anymore. Your death, burial and resurrection has brought me healing and health. I confess that my body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. No disease is permitted to stay in my body for a second. I am not sick, I am already healed by the power in the name of Jesus. I declare that every cell, tissues and organs of my body is inundated by the life of Christ. The life of Christ is at work in me. I am sickness-free, I am disease-free. I refuse to be bound by sickness and disease. Divine health is mine. My body must respond to divine health. I am permanently disconnected from sickness and diseases in the name of Jesus Christ. I am blessed and highly favoured.

FAITH-FILLED CONFESSIONS FOR STRENGTH

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; who is then a cause of fear to me? The Lord is the strength of my life; who is a danger to me? (Psalms 27:1 BBE)

I confess that God causes me to be strengthened day to day for He is making my life a wall of strength. God causes my life to be like an iron pillar and a brazen wall. I confess that my weak moments reveal

the power of God. The ability of God to transform my weakness into strength flows into my life. The LORD strengthens me with all might in my inner man. I declare that God is my strength and help in the time of need. I confess that the joy of the LORD is my strength. I release the strength of the LORD against the impossible situation I am facing. I receive divine strength as I confront every challenge today. I declare that regardless of what I see, God's strength shall match my days on earth. The LORD will always be my source of strength. I am blessed and highly favoured

FAITH-FILLED CONFESSIONS FOR DIVINE FAVOUR

"Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs". (Dan 1:9 KJV)

I am blessed and highly favoured. I declare that I am the object of God's affection. I confess that God surrounds me with favour as a shield. I confess that I have favour with God and Man today. I declare that all day long, people go out of their way to bless me and to help me. I confess that I have favour with everyone that I deal with and come into contact with today.

Doors that were once closed are now opened to me. I receive preferential treatment and special privileges. I declare that I am God's favoured child, therefore, no good thing will He withhold from me today. I confess that the favour of the LORD brings notice to my life in the presence of those appointed by God to bless me. I declare that the favour and honour which will frustrate the enemy rests upon my life. The favour of the LORD is bringing me good understanding.

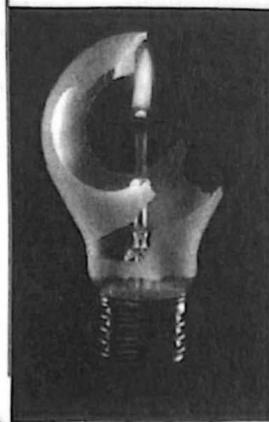
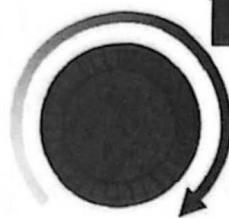
FAITH-FILLED CONFESSIONS FOR PROSPERITY

"The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it". (Prov. 10:22, 2cor. 9:8)

The blessing of the lord is at work in me. It makes me prosper and succeed in all my endeavors. Prosperity is my birthright, therefore I am prosperous. I am full and abound in all riches. My needs are met. I cannot be poor anymore. Poverty has lost my address forever. Lack is banished from my life. Money answers to the mention of my name. I am a money-magnet. Everything I do prospers because of the blessing of God on my life. Wealth and riches are in my house. There is no shortage or scarcity with me. I am a first-class champion and a super success. My hands are wealth gathering hands. My prosperity has no limit. I am blessed and highly favoured.



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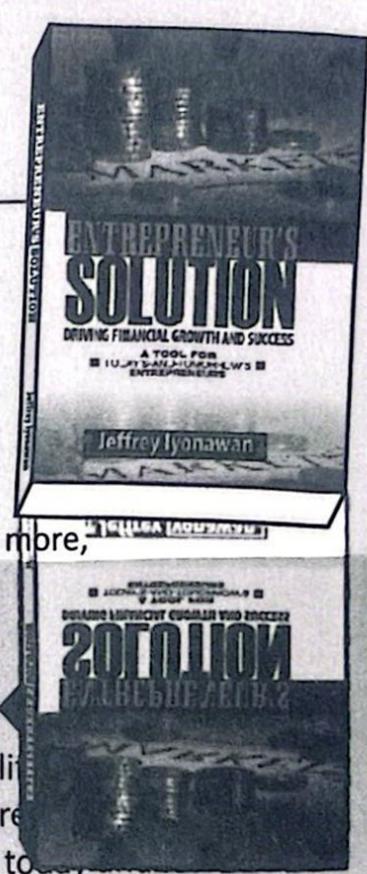
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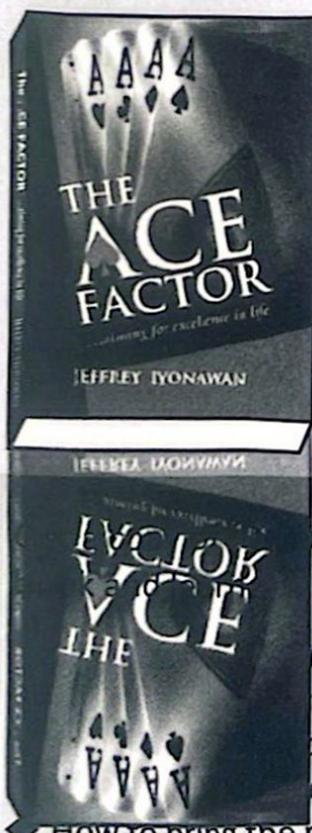
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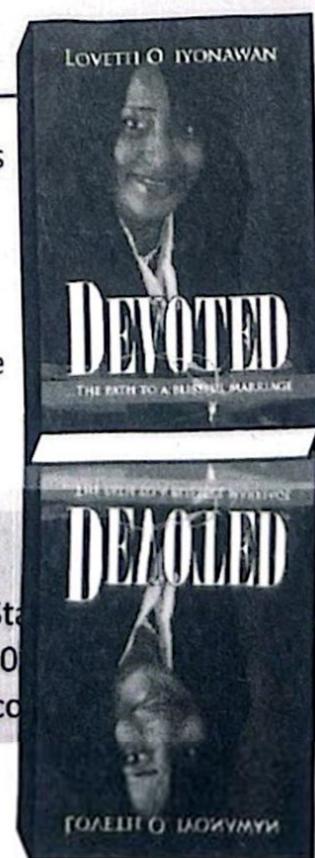
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