

# PRAYING THE RIGHT WAY

**HOW TO PRAY AND GET RESULTS**



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# DECLARATIONS IN PRAYER

## 1 THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

Your confessions determine your possessions

Your tongue is connected to your world

Don't get trapped in the negative but rather in the positive.

Your words will serve as evidence that will either work for you or against you.

*James 3:2-5 NKJV*

*For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. 3 Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. 4 Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. 5 Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things.*

Apostle James in this scripture emphasized the importance of the use of tongue. Relating our tongue to what our understanding can he easily grasp, he vividly portrays the use of tongue to controlling a dynamic and strong animal as a horse. The horse is one of the strongest animals that existed. The anatomy of horses enables them to develop sense of balance and a strong flight instinct. As graceful and powerful a horse may look whilst in flight, it is controlled by a small bit in the mouth. Wow! How could such a very little minute metal object have such an incredible effect on an awesome animal like that? Likewise, James says even though a ship could be as big as a whole building (even bigger); its movement is controlled by a small instrument called the rudder. What a mystery?

In the light of the revelation, Apostle James leads us *into the journey of discovering* the power of the tongue. The tongue (your tongue) is a small part of the whole body but the direction in which the body goes and subsequently your life is controlled by the tongue. In other words, whether your life will attract the good or the negative depends on your tongue. If your life will be characterized by good things, your tongue will be the determinant factor; and if your life will be characterized by struggles and difficulties, it all depends on what you say.

Your life is important and complex; however it can be controlled by what you declare with your mouth. From today, begin to declare that good things over your life. Declare that from today blessings will come your way, good health is your *portion, you shall be promoted. Declare that no demonic power can stop you.* Declare that you are free from sin, shame, pain of the past and disgrace. Declare that from today accidents will be far from you. Declare that you shall not die but live to declare the works of the Lord. Declare that no plague shall come near your dwelling. Prophecy upon your life that angels of God will bear you up in their hands lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Taking a step further, let's hear what Apostle Peter has to say about making positive declarations.

### *1Peter 3:10 NLT*

*"If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies".*

The New Living Translation (NLT) version bring it home more vividly. "if you want to enjoy life and see many happy days keep your tongue from speaking evil". If you really want to enjoy life and see many happy days, then stop declaring negative words and stop making negative confessions. Rather, speak forth positive things, make positive declaration over your life and your situation. What do I mean by making positive declaration? Positive declarations mean speaking what the word of God is saying about your life or situation.

You may be in lack but the word of God says that God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Declare it! You may be feeling weak in your body, but the bible says in Joel 3:10b ... "Let the weak say I am strong". Declare it! Things may be difficult but declare it is *well with you*. *May have* dreamt that you were shot dead but the word of God says in Psalm 118:17 that "you shall not die but you will live and declare the works of God". I prophesy over your life of anyone that is being tormented by the spirit of death, I declare that power is broken. I prophesy you shall not die before your time but you will live and fulfil your purpose on earth in Jesus name. Amen!

Let us examine what Solomon the wisest man that ever lived before Jesus had to say about making declaration and the power of the tongue.

## 2 YOUR CONFESSIONS DETERMINE YOUR POSSESSIONS

*Proverbs 18:21*

*Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*

The tongue has the power to give life to a situation or death to that same situation. The scriptures declare that "death and life" are in the "power of the tongue". Generally, "death" in the scriptures symbolizes negative situations such as poverty, barrenness, evil, disaster, failure, pain, diseases, death, etc. Similarly, "life" signifies positive situations - prosperity, success, fruitfulness, increase, advancement, promotion, etc. *Child of God*, there is power in your tongue to speak to every situation that may come your way. The power lies in your ability to speak. There is power in your *mouth to even silence the enemy*.

## Psalm 8:2

*“Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger”.*

Today, declare that every demon and every witchcraft power having influence over your life should leave in the name of Jesus. In your mouth is the power of life and death, and whatsoever you desire shall be yielded to you. But it depends on what you say. Say the right thing!!! Speak Life!!!

The Bible says *“they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof”*. Fruit is the outcome or result of the seeds you sow, and remember, whatever you sow, you shall reap. This is a natural law that governs the earth but the same applies to the power of the tongue. The fruit of the tongue emerges from the seeds that were sown with the tongue. In life, everything we do is a seed sown and the result of our actions is the fruit. Whatever you may be experiencing today are the fruits of the seeds you have sown in the past.

## Galatians 6:7

*“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap”.*

As we speak daily to situations, we either sow seeds of life or seeds of death to the situation you encounter. Whatever you say or declare today you may not see the consequences of it now until the seeds of our speech have grown and become fruit. I will reiterate it again...*God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap”*. If you continuously declare life to a situation, you are sowing the seeds of life. The seeds will germinate and grow yielding the fruit of life to the situation no matter what. Likewise, if you continue to speak death to a situation, the seeds sown with your speech will yield death to the situation. I pray and earnestly desire that you will by virtue of understanding, tap into this great power of the tongue by making prophetic declarations and decrees when you pray.

As you pray today, declare that the power of darkness has no control over your life. Declare that good health and long life is your portion. Declare in the name of Jesus that you are free from cancer and every form of infirmities. Pronounce your liberty over demonic family cycles and curses. Declare that you are delivered from the spirit of inferiority and self pity. Declare that you have overcome the demons of worry and anxiety. Declare that you are free from nervousness and headaches! Declare in the name of Jesus that depression and insanity have no power over you.

I see you having favour in all that you do! The power of life, good health, abundance and wealth rest in your ability to declare it in prayer. Pronounce that you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. I see life, good health favour abundance and wealth coming your way as you declare them in Jesus name!!!

### 3 THE CREATIVE POWER OF THE TONGUE

*"Your tongue is the most powerful weapon and force of your life."- Marilyn Hickey*

*"You will never realize anything beyond the words you speak." - Kenneth Hagin*

Another power that the tongue possesses is creative power. God created the world by speaking it into the reality. He spoke the world into existence. There is no question about the fact that we were created in the image of God; created in His likeness. We were created after his divine authority and power. The Bible says in the Book of Genesis that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and the earth was without form and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep and the Spirit of the God moved upon the waters and God said let there be light and there was light. From Genesis, we realize that the first thing that God did after creating the heaven and earth and realizing that there was a problem to be addressed was to speak. When God saw that there was darkness upon the face of the deep the Bible says "and God said, let there be light and there was light". God addressed the situation by speaking to it. There was a connection between what God said and what happened. The word is the source from which everything emanates.

## Hebrews 11:3

*“Through faith, we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.....”*

God formed the world through the power of the spoken Word. He simply said, “let there be....”and there was! This is repeated in the whole of chapter 1 of Genesis where the creation story is documented. The word said in the Hebrew “amar” can also mean “declare”.

- *Genesis Chapter 1: 3 “And God said let there be light and there was light..”*
- *Genesis Chapter 1:6 “And God said let there be a firmament and divide the water....*
- *Genesis Chapter 1:9 “And God said let the waters under the heaven be gathered ...*
- *Genesis Chapter 1:11 “And God said let the earth bring forth grass....*
- *Genesis Chapter 1:14 “And God said let there be light in the firmament of the heaven*

Everything God created aside from man was spoken into existence. But for man according to Genesis chapter 1:27 and Chapter 2:7, He formed man from the dust of the ground because He wanted man to look like him to be able to create like him. He spoke the world into existence by making powerful pronouncements “let there be light. ....”and there was light!

And God said, let the waters bring forth abundantly..... Genesis 1:2

When God spoke to the waters to yield abundantly and fruitful, it happened just as he said. God wants us to imitate Him. Ephesians 5:1 tells us to be imitators of God. You can frame your world the same way God framed this world by making declarations. In Genesis 1:26 the Bible makes us to understand that we were created in the image of God. You are an expression of God. Whatever God wanted to see, He spoke into existence. Child of God, you are made in the image and likeness of God. You have the traits of God your father. Whatsoever you want to see happening in your life can be spoken and declared into existence. Your tongue possesses unique creative ability. Words are powerful. Words are spirit and life. Your destiny is in your mouth. A closed mouth will only yield a closed destiny. You are the prophet of your life. What you see is influenced by what you say. The words of Jesus made an apostle out of Peter.

The word of a lecturer in medical school has made a medical doctor out of a medical student. You are an expression of God. Start making prophetic decrees over your life. Everything at creation was formed out of the spoken word of God. When God spoke light into existence there was no sun. He created the sun before creating the lesser and the greater lights. God created the light on the first day as stated in verse 3 of Genesis 1 and created the sun and the moon on the on the fourth day as recorded Genesis 1:16. This means there was light for three days but the sun was not yet in existence. Scientists have proved that day light proceeds from the sun. But for three days or three thousand years there was light but no sun to explain the existence of the light for the Bible says a day is like thousand years in the sight of God. God is so powerful that when he says a thing it becomes what he said. God said let there be light and there was light. Once God says something, it become what he says it should be. I pray for you that whatever God has said concerning you shall surely become what he has said in Jesus name! God's declaration concerning your state of health is that you are healed. That's good news isn't it? But what if the physical symptoms persist? What if your pains didn't go away? Does that make God a liar? NO! Far from that! The truth is you are healed the moment the declaration is released because all that you need to receive your healing is a WORD. There is a difference between truth and fact. Facts are the evidences staring at you on the face. The fact is that the cancer symptoms are not regressing in your body but the truth is that you are healed by His stripes. God's word says I am healed. I came to church and the man of God prayed with me and said it is done. But physically I still feel the symptoms in my body even though he said it is done. That is the fact. That is what the evidence is saying but the truth from God is that I am healed and the disease has already been dwelt with. The question now is "how can you convert the fact to become the truth?" Even though the fact may be evident around you, look beyond the situation and confessing the truth. As you confess the truth, the fact will change to become truth.

When God was looking for someone to carry the Messiah in the womb, he located a virgin and sent an angel with His word to Mary. When the angel met Mary he said "Mary blessed art thou among women, thou art highly favoured. Thou shall conceive and bear a son thou shall call him Emmanuel, he shall be great. ...."and Mary became pregnant. Mary did not need physical intercourse to become pregnant.



All that Mary needed to conceive was a word from the Lord. The same Holy Ghost that came upon Mary is in you, with His full potentials to give life. Your words are powerful. Your word is the strongest weapon you have in your ministry, life and business. Begin to use it now!

Ignite the creative power in you through the spoken word. Begin to create now like your heavenly father did. Prophecy on your life -let there be happiness in my home. Let there be abundance in my life! Let my cup run over! Let my children live long and prosper! Let my body be healthy and live long! Let my enemies be blown away like the chaff! Let those that hate me wither and fade away! Let every crooked path in my life be straightened! Let poverty run away from my home! Let righteousness characterize my life! Let holiness be part of my life from today! Let me be fruitful! Let me be pleasing to God in all that I do! Imitate your heavenly father by declaring, commanding, demanding, asserting and pronouncing your blessing and breakthrough.

## 4 CONFESSIONS AND PROPHETIC DECREES ARE SPIRITUAL LAWS

*Mark 11:11-23*

**11** *And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.*

**12** *And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:*

**13** *And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find anything thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet.*

**14** *And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.*

**15** *And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;*

**16** *And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple.*

**17** *And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? But ye have made it a den of thieves.*

**18** *And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.*

**19** *And when even was come, he went out of the city.*

**20** *And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.*

**21** *And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.*

**22** *And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.*

**23** *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.*

It is imperative for us to understand that Jesus cursed the fig tree not because He was so angry that they had not produced figs. He cursed the fig tree to demonstrate to the disciples the power of the declarations through spoken words.

There are physical laws as well as spiritual laws. Everyone believes in the existence and the operation of physical laws like the law of gravity, Newton's laws of motion, the law of aerodynamics, the law of thermodynamics, and the like. Likewise, confessions and prophetic declarations are spiritual Laws.

*Jesus enacted this Law of confessions and decrees in Mark 11:23;*

*“For verily I say unto you, that WHOSOEVER SHALL SAY unto this mountain, Be thou removed and be thou cast 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.*

When the master said WHOSOEVER SHALL SAY, he meant WHOSEVER. This includes the unbeliever and the believer alike; WHOSEVER IS WHOSOEVER! He did not limit it to the disciples alone. Thus, it became a spiritual law and anyone who makes positive confessions and decrees shall have whatever they declare provided they believe and do not doubt what they declare.

Man is the only creature of God that can operate both in the physical and also in the spiritual realm. Everything God created was spoken into existence except man. After God spoke all creations into existence, He said now let us form man to be like us; to also have creative abilities like us. God formed man from the dust of the ground that forms the physical aspect of man he breathed into man the breath of life. The word "breath" in the Hebrew is "ruach" which means the presence, spirit and the essence of God into the physical dust and man became a living soul. Thus man is made up of dust which is physical and also the "ruach" which is the presence, the essence and the spirit of God. The Bible declares that God is a spirit; and his essence is spirit. This makes man a composition of the physical and spiritual. Hence man has the capability to operate in both the physical realm because of this dust – physical component. Also, man has the ability to operate in the spirit realm because of the "ruach" – the spirit and essence of God which was breathed into man.

After man became a living soul, God BLESSED MAN, and said BE FRUITFUL, AND MULTIPLY, AND REPLENISH THE EARTH, SUBDUE IT AND HAVE DOMINION over water spirits, over powers of the air, over the powers on the ground. The earth was created for man to be fruitful in whatever he does in it. He was blessed to multiply and replenish the earth, and more importantly, man was created to subdue, rule and have dominion on the earth. Man was created to be in charge! Once you are in charge you declare what you want to have and see. This earth is obliged by the spiritual law of decrees to yield to whatever you declare. I see the earth yielding to you when you confess and declare in Jesus name! God created you with creative ability. Rise up and be create with your mouth. You are expected to pray as a priest and talk like a king.

### *1Peter 2:9*

*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;*

From this scripture, we understand from God's word that we are priests and unique beings who God has called to demonstrate his glory. Also, from *Revelation 1:6 "And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father"*. From this scripture we understand that God has made us kings and priests unto Himself. You are a king and as a king you rule in this kingdom of the world and a priest in the kingdom of the spirit. *You rule as a king on earth and you operate as a priest in the spirit realm.* In other words, you speak like a king and you pray like a priest. *You were fearfully and wonderfully made by God. There is a supernatural power that amplifies what you speak to make maximum impact in the spirit realm.*

### *Job 38:12*

*Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place;*

Here, God admonishes us to command our morning, in other words command and declare the way your day should go. We have the mandate as children of God to rule and command the way the day, the week and the year should go. Take authority as a child of God and declare to the elements of the day and the elements of the night to obey and go in your favour!!!

Making declarations over your situation works just like you would call someone by his name and receive a response. The declarations you make may not happen instantaneously but it shall surely manifest. You can call forth wealth, prosperity, fruitfulness, good health to come to you and they shall surely be yours. You may say "oh man of God these things are inanimate objects, they do not have ears to respond to our words". This is the answer to your question - in the realm of the spirit everything has ears! So when you call anything forth under the unction of the Holy Spirit in Prayer, be it wealth, prosperity or good health, they shall surely hear you and come to past.

In Mark 11:14-21, Jesus cursed the fig tree and it withered. The fig tree had no ears but why then did it respond? Jesus spoke under the unction of the Holy Spirit because the Spirit was given to him without measure. The fig tree heard it and so had to respond. In the realm of the spirit everything has ears.

In Ezekiel 39:17, God told Ezekiel to prophesy to the feathered fowls and to every beast of the field. Naturally, it would look ridiculous for me to speak to a flying bird and expect it to obey, but when it is done under the anointing and spoken into the spirit, the birds and the beasts of the field will hear, for in the realm of the spirit everything has ears.

Mark 11:23 -24 tells us that mountains will respond to what you say. From today, make vehement declarations in your prayer and you will see them happening. Until you see it manifest physically, do not stop declaring and decreeing. Declare that you have every good thing you can think of, because your father is the monarch of the universe. Be consistent with your declarations, and you will see the physical manifestation of what you declare. The word "say" appears in the scripture Mark 11:23 four times. God is reiterating the fact that you can have what you say. The emphasis is on "saying" or in the words "declaring" it [let me paraphrase the scripture: replace say with declare].

*"For verily I DECLARE unto you, that whosoever shall DECLARE unto this mountain, Be thou removed and be thou cast the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he DECLARES shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he DECLARES.*

It is imperative for you to understand that without confession you cannot be saved. In Romans 10:9, the scriptures says that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For anyone to be saved there are conditions that needs to be met. The word "If" makes it a condition. The first and foremost part of the condition anyone must fulfil to be saved is to CONFESS the Lord Jesus. Secondly, you must believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. With this, we can understand that making declarations and confessing is very vital for anyone desiring to establish something in the spirit.

### *Joshua 1:8*

*This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

Here, God teaches us more clearly that for anyone to have good success and be prosperous, one must “meditate” day and night on the word of God and do according to what is written in it. The word meditate as used in Joshua 1:8 is the Hebrew word “hagah” which means to “murmur, speak or utter”. In other words, for you to enjoy good success you are expected to speak the word of God day and night. Declare it over your life and speak what the word says and not what we see, and by so doing you will enjoy good success and be prosperous.

This is emphasized in the book of Job which is believed to be one of the oldest books in the Bible. In

### *JOB 22:28*

*Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.*

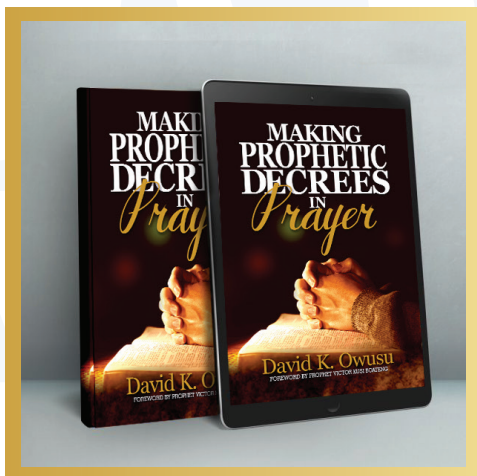
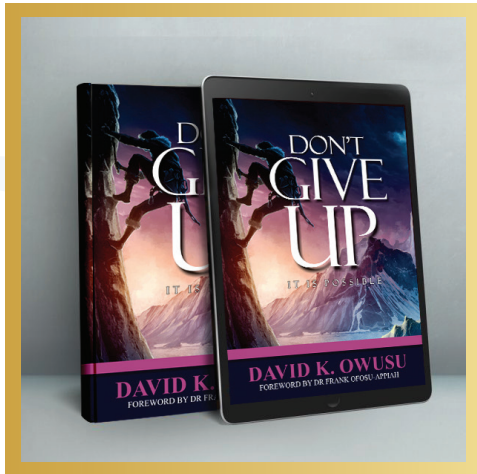
This implies that when you make a decree it will be established unto you because you said it. Start making vehement prophetic decrees right now.



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