# You Can't Keep A Captive's Words When You Have Have A Deliver's Destiny!

Matthew 12:35-36

35. 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.

36. But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken.

A lot of people seem to think "Freedom of Speech" means we can let anything fly without consequences.

Romans 14:11-12

11. It is written: " 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.' "

12. So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Hebrews 4:12-13

12For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

13Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Eph. 5:5-7

5. For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person--such a man is an idolater--has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.6. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.

7. Therefore do not be partners with them. But all of us have a responsibility to keep guard over what we say.

To give him your life means to give Him your tongue too!

Rom. 6:13 - Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

Romans 10:8-10

8 But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,"that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim:

9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

We have been given authority to speak God's words in His name!

Since God gave us our breath... And it really still belongs to him... We're really just borrowing it... Our words are made with His breath!

## 1. L - LIFT UP Jesus not LAMBAST people!

James 3:1-12 says...

1. Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

2. We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.

3. When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal.

4. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.

5. Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.

6. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

7. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man,

8. but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

9. With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness.

10. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be.

11. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring?

12. My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

"A rumor is about as hard to unspread as butter!"

"Gossip = Hearing something you like about someone you don't."

"Gossip is the devil's whispers that burn everything in its path via tongues untamed."

You can regret what you said, but you can never fully undo what you've said!

Proverbs 26:20 - Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down.

#### 2. I - INSTILL order not INVITE chaos!

Genesis 1:3 He said, "Let there be light" and there was light.

Gen. 1:11,12 - "Let the land produce vegetation...and it was so...

Gen 1:24 - And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures.. And it was so"

Mark 1:42 - "Be clean!"

Mark 1:25 - "Be quiet! Come out of Him"

Mark 7:33 - "Be opened" and the man's ears were opened and his tongue loosed.

Mark 4:39 - "Be quiet! Be still!" and the wind died down and it was completely calm

Mark 11:22-24 - He told them, "Have faith in God. If anyone SAYS to this mountain, "Go throw yourself into the sea and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he SAYS will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatsoever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours"

## 3. F - FREE captives not FETTER them!

Words produce life or death!

We can speak words into people's lives that can fetter or bind them up in a wan that could affect them for life!

Choose yours carefully... We will be held accountable for them!

Proverbs 18:21 - tongue has the power of life and death.

Mt. 12:37 - For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

Jn. 6:68 - Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Words are containers holding seeds of life or death

Ephesians 4:29 - Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Pr. 17:27-28

27. A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even-tempered.

28. Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent, and discerning if he holds his tongue.

Abraham Lincoln - "Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt."

Mark Twain - "I can live two months on a good compliment."

Psalm 141:3 (MSG) - "Post a guard at my mouth, God, set a watch at the door of my lips." –

### 4. E - EXPRESS truth not EXPORT lies!

Exalt truth not Exude lies!

Expound truth not Expand lies!

Exclaim truth not Exchange lies!

Embody truth not Embellish lies!

Establish truth not Escalate lies!

Num. 23:19 - God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

Jn. 8:44 (NIV) - You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Jn. 8:44 (NASV)- You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Jn. 8:44 (NKJV) - You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources,* for he is a liar and the father of it.

James3:2 - We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

You cannot do this on your own, it is the work of the Holy Spirit!

1<sup>st</sup> - Ask God to bring your speech under His control.

Psalm 19:14 - May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Ask God to let you hear yourself,

3<sup>rd</sup> - Practice "putting off" and "putting on".

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