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## KINGDOM LIVING

THE POWER OF  
OUR VOICE

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### SCRIPTURE REFERENCE(S)

*Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech.  
—John 10:27*

### WARRIOR TOOL

Our voice is our Kingdom weapon that carries great power to bless or to curse.

### PRACTICE

Practice recognizing the lies that created a false identity/value.

Then take the lies and/or memories to Jesus and ask Him to redeem them. Forgive yourself and others. Ask Jesus to bless you with His truth.

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### WHY IS SATAN DETERMINED TO SILENCE BELIEVERS IN CHRIST?

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What happens when a child of God discovers who they are and whose they are, then connects their identity with their voice?

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### LOOK UP THESE SCRIPTURES

Classify them into the following: encouragement/warning:

Colossians 4:6	Proverbs 21:23
Ephesians 4:29	Matthew 15:11
Proverbs 15:4	Psalm 34:13
James 1:19-26	Proverbs 18:21

Why does God want us to understand the breadth of our voice?

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### RECOGNIZING THE LIES

The Bible is filled with passages from the prophets and Jesus to the disciples, each instructing us about the tongue/speech. The words that flow from our heart/lips impact the world around us. The passages you looked up are specific and clear about our tongue and speech because as children of God, our words create worlds. They create realms and realities. Our words also can set fire to lives, destroy marriages, friendships, and children.

The passage that always carries a great deal of weight with me, but I rarely find taught in churches is this:

*But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. —Matthew 12:36*

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What I know for certain is that I have spoken careless words that didn't align with the Kingdom. Subsequently I then watched those very words manifest into reality. My own words have caused harm in my life and in the lives of those I love. I've also watched my words, spoken in faith and in alignment with the Kingdom, change entire atmosphere within minutes.

#### TRUTH

There are two realities to grasp regarding our voice. For many of us, as children, our voices were stolen as we were silenced by those in authority over us. And on the flip side our voices carry great power. As Marchers into truth, if our voice was silenced in the past, it's time to take our voice and our position back from the enemy. And then all of us must purposefully restrain casual words. Then we must speak truth and with power to bring the Kingdom of God to earth.

Think about words you have spoken in haste. Cussing, gossip, complaining, a daily norm for our society. If you struggle to take your lips captive, take time now to dedicate your mouth, tongue and lips to Jesus. Ask for the removal of past sins and then pledge your voice to be used mightily by our King. Write out your prayer:

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#### ACTIVATION

##### Prayer To Activate Your Voice

If you feel as though you need to reclaim your voice, please turn to page 128 of *Marching Around Jericho* and pray through the prayer on that page.

To exercise your authority in your voice, today begin with some declarations. Speak three of the following declarations every morning, out loud. Believe what you are speaking and then pray into the declarations.

Declarations #1 – These ten basic declarations are foundational to the building of your faith. They will increase expectancy of

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God's goodness, and thus will increase the manifestation of that goodness in your life. Jesus said, "According to your faith, so be it" (Matthew 8:13). Say these (and other declarations) every day for a month and see what happens to your life.

- My prayers are powerful and effective (James 5:16b).
- God richly supplies all my needs (Philippians 4:19).
- I am dead to sin and alive to live supernaturally (Romans 6:11; 2 Peter 1:4).
- I walk in ever-increasing health (Psalm 103:1-3, Isaiah 53:5).
- I live under supernatural protection (Psalm 91).
- Like Jesus, I prosper in all my relationships (Luke 2:52).
- I consistently bring God encounters to other people (Mark 16:17-18).
- Through Jesus, I am 100% loved and worthy to receive all of God's blessings (Colossians 1:12-14).
- Each of my family members is wonderfully blessed and radically loves Jesus (Acts 16:30-31).
- I uproariously laugh when I hear a lie from the devil (Psalm 2:2-4).

Declarations #2 – Remember this: Faith is the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1). Our "evidence" for things being true is not our circumstances, but God's promises. We don't deny negative facts in our lives, but we choose to focus on a higher reality: God's truth. Faith indeed comes by hearing (Romans 10:17); therefore, we choose to speak these powerful truths to build our own faith.

- I set the course of my life with my words (James 3:2-5).
- God is on my side; therefore, I declare I cannot be discouraged or defeated (Romans 8:37; Psalm 91; Philippians 4:13).
- I am the head, not the tail. I have insight. I have wisdom. I have ideas and divine strategies. I have authority (Deuteronomy 8:18; 28:13; James 1:5-8; Luke 10:19).
- As Abraham did, I speak God's promises over my life. My faith is being strengthened to possess all that Jesus won for me (Romans 4:17-23).
- I have a sound mind. Today, I will think the right thoughts, say the right words, and make the right decisions in every situation I face (2 Timothy 1:7).

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- I expect to have powerful, divine appointments today to heal the sick, raise the dead, prophesy life, lead people to Christ, bring deliverance, release signs and wonders, and bless every place I go (Book of Acts).
- I expect that today will be the best day of my life spiritually, emotionally, relationally, and financially in Jesus' name. (Romans 15:13).

Declarations #3 – One of the main methods Jesus and the apostles used in the gospels and Acts was to SPEAK TO things. You will notice that they did not ask God to heal people, cast out demons, or raise the dead, but they spoke to bodies, demons, the wind, etc. Jesus encouraged us to speak to mountains in Mark 11:23. This set of declarations specifically focuses on speaking to various aspects of our lives.

- My angels are carrying out the Word of God on my behalf (Psalm 103:20).
- All attacks that were headed my way are diverted right now by angelic protection in Jesus' name (Psalm 91).
- I declare peace over the raging waters in my mind, emotions, body, and family. I say, "Peace, be still" to each of these areas of my life (Mark 4:39).
- I speak to every mountain of discouragement, stress, depression, and lack, and cast it into the sea in Jesus' name (Mark 11:22-24).
- I speak to this day, and I call you blessed. I declare I serve a mighty God who today will do exceedingly and abundantly beyond all that I can ask or think (Ephesians 3:20). I say You are a good God and I eagerly anticipate Your goodness today. \*Steve Backlund Ministries

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And whatever you ask for in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith. — Matthew 21:22

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