

## WHY OUR PRAYER DECLARATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE

In keeping with our theme of prayer I am going to talk on **prayer declarations**

**ILLUSTRATION: ALISTAIR EXPERIENCE:** I am ANP and there is no one in the world greater than me.

I believe that he spoke those words so powerfully it changed the course of his life

### **The words we speak even in prayer are very important**

We form our words with our mouth /tongue that's no brainer

But I can swear **MY MOTHERS EYES** also formed words .she just had to give me THAT LOOK

A person can speak many words a minute and several thousand in an hour

It is said that's for a man - **DOUBLE THAT FOR THE WOMAN**

The words we use in life are powerful especially in context. Use the word **FIRE**

In a Barbecue

In a crowded room or theatre

### **Words are powerful. They either launch you or limit you**

They give you **energy and upward thrust**

A compliment or affirmation **lifts you up "Say that again"**

A criticism or harsh words that's meant to demean or degrade you **flares you up** .

Don't you dare say that again.

### **WORDS give direction to your destiny and influence your lives.We move in the direction of our words**

Your destiny or your dream is LODGED IN YOUR HEART but it is **UNLOCKED THROUGH YOUR WORDS**

**SLIDE 1** Matt 12: 34 Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks

ERV what people says with their mouths come from what fills their hearts

### **STORY**

I shared this so many times

My dad **drank alcohol a lot** and was abusive a lot and caused great harm to himself and those close to him

I remember saying as a young man I will never drink alcohol and one of the best decisions I made

When I was a kid I also looked at **aeroplanes in the sky** and even when it was hopeless for me for any imminent travel I ALWAYS said that one day I would travel the world

The dreams of my heart was to live in a calm home and also to travel but I discovered later that the more I spoke words it helped UNLOCK THE DREAMS of my heart

The truth is, **we ALL HAVE PROBLEMS with what we say**

That's probably why the Bible says so much about the tongue.  
The Bible, especially Proverbs is filled with verses about both the positive and negative aspects of the tongue.

The Words TONGUE, MOUTH, LIPS, AND WORD, appear over 170 times in the Bible

**SPEAKING NEGATIVELY IS COSTLY IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM while watching what we say CAN BRING SPIRITUAL REWARD.**

**SLIDE 2** PROV [18:21](#) NKJV death and life in are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit

NLT: the tongue can bring death and life, those who love to talk will reap the consequences

MSG: Words kill, words give life, they are either poison or fruit-you choose

CHALLENGE: what are your words like, poison or fruit?

**SLIDE 3 Ephesians [4:29](#) GNT**

Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do well to those who hear you

In PRAYER WE USE WORDS TO COMMUNE WITH GOD .Very profound isn't it?

In Matthew 6 when Jesus taught us about prayer he taught 3 simple things ALL STARTING WITH S: **sincere, simple, secret**

MOST OF PRAYER IS BASED ON ASKING, PETITIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS  
**It involves the lower being asking a higher being in a position of humility**

I do think that we should come to God in any form than in absolute humility and most of the time that's how we pray .Further more we always pray **according to his will**

**SLIDE 4 but there is also a dimension of prayer called DECLARATIONS**

**DECLARE:** to say something in a solemn and emphatic manner

**Declarations in prayer is to say or speak god's promises in a solemn, emphatic authoritative, sometimes loud manner**

Making declarations in prayer doesn't mean that you should deny the circumstances. It's not about never speaking out the negative **of a situation**  
**It's about declaring what the conclusion will be according to the promise of God**

**SLIDE 5** Hebrews [10:23](#) ESV *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.*

**WE:** We must hold onto Gods promise that we said we believed. And we must never let go .He has promised and he will do it.

**So declarations in prayer are holding onto and believing gods promises and not so much your need holding onto you**

**ILLUSTRATION: Your needs can strangle the life out of you, can't it? How I struggle with the progress we making as a church**

Let me give an **example of a difference between supplication and declaration**

Supplications says "Give us our Daily Bread"

Declarations focus on Gods promises and say: Thank you Lord that you promised to supply our daily needs according to your riches in glory

Supplications say please help and protect me

Declarations focuses on Gods promises and prays psalms 91

**Our words are powerful even in prayer**

As I said earlier whatever we speak sets our life on course. **Just as a rudder moves a ship in one direction,** when we make declarations, **we move into the direction of our words,** and it guides our life for the future.

**SLIDE 6** Proverbs [11:11](#) – *By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.*

Consider the amount of negativity spoken over people, leaders, cities, towns and communities. **The power of a negative declaration is huge, but so is the power of a Christian blessing.**

*Remember that sometimes we need to speak and hear positive declarations over and over and over again to overcome the negative because the negative has been spoken so much. Sometimes it takes a while to receive the positive.*

**Results happen when we declare and line up with what / who God says we are.**

Joseph Garlington is quoted as saying that **"If something happened, then something was spoken."** **This can be either positive or negative.**

CONCLUSION

In prayer we always have to come humbly before God and pray according to his will but we must always come to him in faith: **without faith it is impossible to please God**

**And it is that faith in the one who promised and cannot fail that causes us to declare:**

I am more than a conqueror in Jesus name

I am living a life of victory

I am healed

My life is a blessed life

My family is blessed

My finances are blessed

My relationships are blessed

**Oh. Doesn't it feel good to declare?**

**And for our church I declare in faith:**

Souls will be saved in Pottsville

Families to come back to God and to Church

Human and Financial resources to flow into Gods House

His people will passionate about the things of God and a mind to work in his house

Dedicated leaders to pastor, preach, worship, youth and children's church will come

There will be a great increase in vision, passion, compassion in me as leader and all our leaders

Miracles and healings will take place wherever we go

Do you believe his word today? Say a big Amen

**PRAYER**

**SALVATION PRAYER**

Jesus came to give you a life of abundance

He came to forgive all your sins so you don't have to live with guilt and shame. He wants to now fill your life with love, joy, peace & goodness and much more .He wants to give you the opportunity to live forever. That's possible if you repent of your sins

All of us have sinned and fallen short of Gods expectation and there is only one person who can save us and make us right again. His name is Jesus and you can ask him right now to come in and be the Lord in your life

If you invite him into your life everything in your life turns from death to life, sin to salvation, hopelessness into everlasting joy

I can guarantee that if you do, your life will be so more meaningful and filled with purpose and a sense of destiny! Would you like to ask him into your life right now?

**PRAYER**

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