



I. INTRO/REVIEW

A. Living Large

Deuteronomy 7:13 (NIV) ¹³ He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land—your grain, new wine and olive oil—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you.

Psalms 115:14 (AMP) May the Lord give you [great] increase, You and your children.

B. God can do anything He wants and yet He seems to want you to have a part

1 Corinthians 3:6 (NKJV) I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

- God will do what you can't but He won't do what you can – this is our part

3 John 2 (NKJV) Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

C. Spiritual Laws

- **Faith**- What you believe is powerful
- **Wisdom** – applying knowledge correctly
- **Seedtime and harvest**
- **Time & Discipline**

II. THE LAW OF WORDS

A. Guard your heart

Proverbs 4:23 (NLT) Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

Proverbs 4:23 (MSG) Keep vigilant watch over your heart; *that's* where life starts. Don't talk out of both sides of your mouth; avoid careless banter, white lies, and gossip.

- There is a connection between your heart and your mouth

Luke 6:43-45 (NKJV) ⁴³ "For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. ⁴⁴ For every tree is known by its own fruit. For *men* do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. ⁴⁵ A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.



James 3:2-5 (NLT) Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way. ³We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. ⁴And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. ⁵In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire.

- The pilot or the horse rider determine where they go – there's a choice
 - Guard your heart it sets your direction, if we control our tongue we control our direction, whatever is in your heart will come out of your mouth

B. God created your voice to be in tune with your heart

Psalm 19:14 (NKJV) Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

- Let my words be what you want because they set the course of my life

James 1:26 (NKJV) If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion *is* useless.

III. PRINCIPLES TO TALK BY

A. Here's why this is important, why words guide us and direct us

- **Words are containers**

John 6:63 (NKJV) It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.

Romans 10:9-10 (NKJV) ⁹that 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. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

- **Words create life and death**

Proverbs 18:21 (NLT) ²¹The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences.

- **Your heart is a canvass that words paint vision on**

James 1:23-25 (NKJV) ²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of



man he was. ²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

- **How does something get into our heart? By the words we hear and say**
 - You will always believe what you say more than what others say
- B. The battle
- The painter, the captain, the horseman

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (NKJV) For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

IV. THE LAW OF USE

A. The law of Use (Use it or lose it)

- One day you will give an account

Matthew 25:29 (ICB) ²⁹ Everyone who uses what he has will get more. He will have much more than he needs. But the one who does not use what he has will have everything taken away from him.'