

PROCLAMATION COMES BEFORE DEMONSTRATION

(The power of proclaiming the Word of God)

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1. What is the first thing we do with a word? We **speak it out** with understanding and purpose.
2. One of the keys of living an effective Christian life is applying the principle of **proclaiming the Word of God.**
3. There is **power, life and purpose** in God's Word.
4. **Heb 4:12** – “The Word of God is living and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor, (critic or judge), of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

There is **life and power** in God's Word and it gives life and causes great change, as well as being a piercing sword and a judge of our thoughts.
5. **Is 55:11** God says that the Word that goes forth out of His mouth will not return to Him void, (empty), but will accomplish what He desires and will prosper in the thing for which He sent it.
The Word of God is His agent for change and for the accomplishing of His purposes.
6. **Num 23:19** – “God is not a man that He should lie, (or say a word that is not true), nor the son of man that He should repent. Has He said and will He not do it? Has He spoken and will He not make it good?
God's Word stands true and unchanged forever, and what He has said will come to pass.
7. **Lk 1:37** (Amp V) – “No word from God shall be without **power.**”
8. **Lk 8:11** Jesus said, in the parable of the sower, “**the seed is the Word of God.**”
9. This morning I picked up this acorn, which is a seed.
10. This acorn is a word or a message. What is it saying? “Plant me in good soil and I will become an oak tree!” This seed has **life, power and purpose.** It has **life** to grow, **power** to become, and **purpose** to specifically grow into an oak tree.
11. As we read God's Word He sows His Word in our heart. A verse or a passage suddenly becomes alive and meaningful for us in our present need. God has given us a “word of faith.” That word has in it **life, power and purpose, which are released in us by proclamation.** In this way God's life and plans are fulfilled in us.
12. **Jn 14:10** Jesus said, “**I speak out the words** the Father gives Me and the Father who dwells in Me does the works.”
Proclamation releases demonstration.

13. As we proclaim aloud, what we believe in our heart, God causes a demonstration of the Word.
14. **Mk 11:23** Jesus said, “whoever says to this mountain, ‘be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says.”
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15. **Gen 1:3,9,11** God said, “Let there be.....and it was so!” **God spoke and it was,**
Ps 33: 9, Heb 11:3.
16. **Mk 11:14,21** Jesus said, “to the fig tree **and it was so.**”
Mk 3:5 Jesus spoke to the man with the withered arm, “stretch out your hand,”
and it was made whole.
Mk 4:39 Jesus rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace be still!” **and there was a great calm.**
Ac 3:6 Peter said, “In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk,”
and the lame man **was healed.**
Lk 13:12 Jesus called to the woman bent over with infirmity, “Woman you are loosed from your infirmity,” and He laid His hands on her, and immediately she **was made straight.**
17. God’s **life, power, and purpose** is in His Word and as we speak it out from a believing heart there is a fulfilment of the Word by the power of God.
18. **Spoken in faith,** God’s Word in our mouth has the same power and effect as if God said it Himself.
19. **2Pet 1:4.** God has given us exceeding great and precious promises. Make sure you have a set of the lists of God’s promises (No 27). Seek God’s promises which apply to your present need. Take them into your heart and believe them. **Confess these promises out loud** many times a day **and there will be a demonstration** of the Word God has promised meeting your need, *Phil 4:19.*