

## THE POWER OF YOUR TESTIMONY

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*Many spirit filled people have very little knowledge of the potential and power of the spoken word. The Holy Spirit is power... 2TIM 1:7 For God hath not given us the **spirit** of fear; but of **power**, and of love, and of a sound mind. The power of the spirit is just not found in the obvious miracles that people might imagine: the greatest work of the spirit is the power it has to affect the minds of men and women everywhere. HEB 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, **and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** You may notice that this scripture outlines the real power of the spoken word... it is more than words. Let's investigate this principle within the written word of God, the bible.*

**Jesus knew the power the spoken gospel would have upon the ears of the population.**

**MAR 16:15** And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. *The gospel gets results... not all results are immediately obvious, but they serve the plan of God...*

**The spoken truths of the gospel, whether bible quotations, personal testimony or words of encouragement, all have power over the hearer.**

**ISA 55:11** So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me **void** (in empty condition), but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. *God has plans and knowledge of both present and future events that we cannot even begin to imagine. The word of God has more components at work than any of us are aware of... thus, an awareness and faith in this truth is also essential.*

**The word also builds faith from another perspective as well... from both listening and speaking.**

**ROM 10:17** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**We are all part of a much greater plan, and all of us are as equally important as the other.**

**1COR 3:5** Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?

**6** I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. *God works according to a much larger plan than we might imagine. Sometimes, the small bit we might add to a conversation, or the simple words of a friendly greeting, supply the single missing piece of a very large spiritual puzzle.*

**7** So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

**8** Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. *We all need to be players in the great game of life... our importance is not based on our opinion of our value, nor our ability... it is about our willingness to use the powers contained within the spoken word of God.*

**9** For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

**We should all rejoice together and support each other, because we all understand this great truth.**

**1THE 2:13** For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. *The words of your testimony are far more powerful than you can know in this lifetime!*