

Well, I Do Declare!

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SLIDE 1 Introduction

Last Sunday I shared about how we need to train ourselves for reigning in this life by Christ Jesus. Like Paul told Timothy:

SLIDE 2a 1st Timothy 4:7 (NIV) *"Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, **train yourself to be godly.**"*

However, I really like the way the NLT puts it:

SLIDE 2b 1st Timothy 4:7 (NLT) *"Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. **Instead, train yourself to be godly.**"*

Life is so precious and our time here on earth is so short. Why do we waste so much time on things that do not matter? We ought to be building the inner person, the of our spirit within us, filling our hearts and minds with the living Word of God.

James tells us:

SLIDE 3a James 1:21 (NIV) *"Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and **humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.**"*

Again the NLT says it so well:

SLIDE 3b James 1:21 (NLT) *"So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, **for it has the power to save your souls.**"*

Yes, reading and meditating on the Word for understanding has the power to save your life. That means taking it from meaningless survival to abundant purpose. God not only restores to you everything you lost to the devil, he sets you on a course of saving others through the Word you share.

So being equipped by the infilling of the Spirit and a renewed mind by the Word of God, we are ready to serve in the power of the Spirit.

SLIDE 4 Oh, What To Do, What To Do

So what are we to do after we have breathed in the breath of life provided by the Word of God? Simple, breathe it out. With every inhale, there ought to be a

corresponding exhale.

As believers we think of all the things we need to do, which mainly involves all the things we are not supposed to do. However, we never learn to do the thing that will benefit us most in our knowledge of Jesus Christ. We never learn to speak with the authority he has given us over all creation and every circumstance we face.

Last Sunday I ended my message with a triple-A acronym that says:

SLIDE 5 *Announce it Aloud with Authority*

We need to take what we know of the Word of God and declare it with the authority we have been given in the name of Jesus. This brings the kingdom of heaven into the kingdom of earth. Just as Jesus was the Word made flesh, we need to take the Word and flesh it out—make it real for us by speaking it over our lives.

The authority of the Word of God is applied to our lives only when we confess it as true. The authority of the Word (its power) is manifested in our lives as we declare it as true for us. This is faith.

In the same way your confession of the truth of the gospel of your salvation brought you into the kingdom as a child, the continued confession of the gospel of the kingdom will bring you into the abundant life.

Paul told the Roman believers this:

SLIDE 6 **Romans 10:6-10 (NIV)** *"⁶ The righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the deep?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?"*

SLIDE 7 *"The word is near you; **it is in your mouth and in your heart,**" that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."*

Now look closely how Paul concludes this passage:

SLIDE 8 *"¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and **it is with your mouth that you profess your faith** and are saved."*

This process involves everything you receive from God over the entire course of your life.

Let's look at these steps in order:

SLIDE 9a 1. I BELIEVE in my heart the Word I have heard.

SLIDE 9b 2. I SPEAK in faith with my mouth what I have heard.

SLIDE 9c 3. GOD GRANTS the request of my lips based on my faith.

Speaking without first implanting the Word in your heart is, at its best, presumption. At its worst, it is lying to yourself and ending up deceived by the devil.

Remember what Colossians 2:6 and 7 says:

SLIDE 10 Colossians 2:6 and 7 (KJV) *"⁶ As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, **so walk ye in him:** ⁷ Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."*

You can't give God thanksgiving without speaking it.

SLIDE 11 Blurt It Out!

As a matter of fact, when you actually believe something you can't help but tell everyone the good news you have heard.

What is in abundance in your heart always ends up on your lips. (Luke 6:45)

So it all goes back to what you have been hiding in your heart. Are you sitting there letting a TV fill you with hours of the world's philosophies, or are you taking time to increase your faith through reading and meditating on the Word of God.

WARNING: Spending time in the Word of God does not bring you to a place of calm serenity. No, it takes you to a battleground where everything you have learned will be tested to see if it is true. The devil will attack every word spoken in faith.

The devil will attack every word spoken in faith. The thief comes immediately to steal the Word that was sown, as the Parable of the Sower tells us.

SLIDE 12 Mark 4:15 (NIV) *"Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes [KJV: immediately] and takes away the word that was sown in them."*

Pastor, how do I prevent this? The Bible tells us to declare what we believe. It's an act of your will. Choose to say what the Word says, not what the situation says. This is legally binding everything on earth and in your life to the decrees of the kingdom of heaven.

SLIDE 13a Psalm 145:21 (NIV) *"My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD."*

SLIDE 13b Psalm 2:7 (NIV) *"I will proclaim [KJV: declare] the LORD's decree: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father."*

Worship is an intimacy of fellowship with God through the Holy Spirit. However, praise is a legally binding proclamation of God's work in the earth. The Bible is full of declaration about God and what we have in his kingdom.

Quit saying what you got. Start saying what you want!

SLIDE 14 I Will Declare the Decree!

So we ought to start this process even now. Let's all stand and declare who we are and the authority we have been given to rule and reign in this life:

SLIDE 15 *I am a child of God. And with that relationship I have inherited certain rights. As the constitution of the United States gives me certain inalienable rights, my adoption into the family of God gives me God-given rights.*

SLIDE 16 *My God and Father is a great king and his kingdom reigns within me. Therefore I speak with the authority of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I do not speak in my own name. I speak in the name of Jesus and by his authority what I say is a decree of his kingdom.*

SLIDE 17 *Therefore I decree I have the right to peace, I have the right to health. I have the right to prosper in everything I do. I declare that God is for me and not against me. I declare that I reign in this life by the power of the Holy Spirit who resides within me.*

SLIDE 18 Altar Time

What would you declare over your life? If you could have what you say, what would you say? Declare a decree and it will be!

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