

Warfare and Prayer

Overview: All believers are children of God but we mature from childhood into adult sonship by speaking (i.e., using) the strong meat of the Word (Heb 5:12-14) and by being led by the Spirit of God (Rom 8:14). As we mature more and more into sons of the King, we have more and more access to the fulness of our inheritance in Christ Jesus (Gal 4:1-7). The key to unlocking the benefits of this inheritance is your tongue, speaking the Word of God, affirming about you what God says about you.

A. The Power of Praying God's Word.

The Prayer of Affirmation is agreeing with the promises of God by speaking them forth in statements of declaration. As you speak the Word of God, you sow the incorruptible seed, which in time will bring the promise into manifestation. In Module 26 Part 9c, we covered 9 affirmations under the category of Releasing the Power of God into your Life. In this module, we cover 20 affirmations in two categories. The Prayer of Affirmation will help you grow into your entire inheritance package but is especially needed for the following two areas:

1. Becoming an Overcomer.

You overcome with the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God spoken out of your mouth.

- a) Mar 9:23 Jesus said, If thou canst believe, all things [are] possible to him that believeth.
- b) Rom 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?
- c) Phil 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
- d) Rom 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
- e) Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

2. Becoming god of your own world.

God gave you free will, so you can do whatever you want to do. This means that you are god of your own life; you determine your life; and you do this primarily by the words of your mouth. God **will** not act in your life contradictory to your word; and the devil **cannot** act in your life and your body in contradiction to your word. You must give the devil permission to attack you.

Similarly, **you must give God permission to help you.** This is normally done by prayer.

a) Whatsoever you ask.

Joh 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Joh 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do [it].

Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Gal 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but **faith which worketh by love.**

b) God made Moses a god to pharaoh.

Exo 7:1 And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.

c) Divine promises.

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2Pe 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue (*i.e., valor, excellence*); and to virtue knowledge; 2Pe 1:6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

2Pe 1:7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

2Pe 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: (*i.e., trip, err, sin, fail, offend, stumble*).

d) The god of this world is satan.

2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. *But he is a defeated god* (Col 2:15).

e) Ambassador of Heaven.

2Co 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech [you] by us: we pray [you] in Christ's stead, **be ye reconciled to God** (*i.e., be restored through partnership - with the Holy Spirit back to the glory of God from which we had fallen short*).

Note: Compare with glory to glory in C1(d).

B. Spiritual Warfare.

1. Sword of the Spirit.

Eph 6:17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Rev 1:16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two edged sword: and his countenance [was] as the sun shineth in his strength.

a) Heb 4:12 The word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword.

Mark 11:23 The Word of God, as a sword, can be used to move any inanimate objects (e.g. mountains) by speaking to them.

b) The Word can be used like a surgical scalpel to remove anything.

Mar 11:14 And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard [it].

Mar 11:21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

So animate objects (e.g., cancer) may be cursed to die or wither away.

c) The Word may be used as a battering ram to tear down demonic strongholds which are blocking the manifestation of your prayers.

Luk 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them [to this end], that **men ought always to pray, and not to faint;**

Luk 18:2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:

Luk 18:3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.

Luk 18:4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;

Luk 18:5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

d) The Word of God is used for casting down imaginations.

2Co 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

2Co 10:6 And **having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience**, when your obedience is fulfilled.

- e) Taking the land little by little (e. g. calling down your weight, blood pressure or chemistry).
Jos 1:3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.
Exo 23:30 By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land.
 2. You overcome by the Blood of the Lamb and your testimony.
Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; **and they loved not their lives unto the death.**
 - a) Your words protect you from the destroyer.
Psa 17:3 Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited [me] in the night; thou hast tried me, [and] shalt find nothing; **I am purposed [that] my mouth shall not transgress.**
Psa 17:4 Concerning the works of men, by the word of **thy** lips I have kept [me from] the paths of the destroyer.
 - b) Your words resist the devil.
Jam 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
 - c) Your words silence the avenger.
Psa 8:2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou **ordained strength** because of thine enemies, that thou might still the enemy and the avenger.
Mat 21:16 Jesus said, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast **perfected praise?**
 - d) Your words keep you out of snares and troubles.
Pro 6:2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.
 - e) Your words deliver your soul.
Jam 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the **engrafted word**, which is able to save your souls.
- C. Fervent Prayers.
1. Changing your inner man, outer man and circumstances of life.
Jam 5:16 Confess [your] faults one to another, and pray one for another, that **ye may be healed.** The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
 - a) Your tongue guides your life the way a rudder guides a ship.
Jam 3:2 For in many things we offend all. **If any man offend not in word, the same [is] a perfect man,** [and] able also to bridle the whole body.
Jam 3:3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.
Jam 3:4 Behold also the ships, which though [they be] so great, and [are] driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.
Jam 3:5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!
Jam 3:6 And the tongue [is] a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.
Jam 3:7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:
Jam 3:8 But the tongue can no man tame; [it is] an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.
 - b) The Word of God is life and health.
Pro 4:20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.
Pro 4:21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; **keep them in the midst of thine heart.**

Pro 4:22 For they [are] life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

Mat 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for **out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.**

Mat 12:37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

c) The Word of God brings success.

Jos 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night that thou may observe to do according to all that is written therein

d) The Word of God raises you from level to level, from glory to glory.

Your affirmations help you to master a level of receiving before you advance to another level of glory.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face **beholding as in a glass** (xref: Jam 1:23) the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, as by the Spirit of the Lord.

e) The Word of God helps you to discern between good and evil.

Heb 5:13 For every one that **uses** milk [is] unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. Heb 5:14 **But strong meat belongs to them** that are of full age, [even] those **who by reason of use** have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

2. Your spoken word is confirmed by the Holy Spirit.

a) Mar 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with [them], and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

b) Signs/wonders follow to confirm the Word.

Act 14:3 Long time abode they **speaking boldly** in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

Act 8:12 But when they believed Philip **preaching** the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Act 8:13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

Act 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the **apostles' doctrine** and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Act 2:43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

Act 4:29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may **speak thy word**,

Act 4:30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

c) Signs follow the believer.

Mar 16:17 **And these signs shall follow them that believe**; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

Mar 16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

d) Manifesting grace.

Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may **minister grace** unto the hearers.

e) Mk 11:24

Mar 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive [them], and ye shall have [them].

You believe that your spoken prayer has been answered at the point when you prayed; and then, you thank God and start doing your spiritual warfare by speaking affirmations.