

don't ACCEPT the WRONG PACKAGE

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Partner, when Jesus came to the earth, He brought joy with Him. When He sent the Holy Spirit to dwell within you, His joy took up residence in your spirit. You can have joy regardless of the circumstances surrounding you, but you have to choose to accept the package of joy and reject the package of doubt, fear, doom and gloom, sadness, and depression.

You've done some shopping online, haven't you? When the package comes to your address, you have to open the door, accept the box, bring it into your house, cut through the packing tape, remove it from the box, and then it's all yours to do with what you want.

If a package came to your address that you did not order, and particularly if it looked sinister in any way, I pray that you would have the wisdom not to accept it. If

it looked dangerous, you would call 911. You wouldn't pick it up and place it in the middle of your house.

Partner, if you wouldn't accept a dangerous looking parcel from an unknown source, why would you take a package of doubt, depression, fear, sickness, or lack that the devil sends your way?

Proverbs 6:2 tells us, "Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth."

Words are containers (or packages) of power. Satan tries to trap you by convincing you to accept packages of power (words) contrary to God's Word. Don't let him do it.

When you speak words that express doubt, fear, lack, sorrow, or hurt, you are taking the bait. When you say, “I can’t,” you are accepting a package of failure that the devil delivered explicitly for you. *Philippians 4:13* says that you can do anything God calls you to do because of the Anointed One and His anointing.

If you experience symptoms of sickness in your body, don’t accept the package that says, “We just don’t know what is wrong with you.” Worse yet, don’t receive anything that tells you, “You are going to die.”

I believe in doctors, but there are times when even the best doctors don’t know the correct diagnosis or what the most effective method of treatment would be. Doctors readily admit that they practice medicine. In other words, they are still learning all the secrets of this amazing body that God created. Doctors can give you helpful information. They may guide you in improving the way you care for your temple, but they don’t know it all. The One who created you, however, does know it all! God made you, and He can keep you!

When symptoms of sickness attack your body, the only packages you should receive are those wrapped in faith because your words contain the power of death and life.

Proverbs 12:18

There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.

The words one speaks are more powerful than most people realize! Partner, if you use your mouth the way God intended, you can make yourself healthy. On the other hand, if you use your mouth the way the devil desires, you can make yourself sick.

Proverbs 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Words are containers of power that can ultimately be the difference between life and death! The word *power* in *Proverbs 18:21* means *auspices*. One of the definitions of *auspices* is *divine prognostication* or *prophecy*. Your words prophesy your future!

What you put in your body affects your health. There’s no question about that. Not too long ago, I made some significant adjustments in my diet. I’ve lost weight, have more energy, and am feeling better than ever! **As important as your diet is, your words are even more vital in determining your future. Consider what Jesus said.**

Matthew 15:16-18

And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding? Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

Jesus said that what comes out of our mouths is even more vital than what we put in our mouths. The word *mouth* in the original Greek is *stoma*. It means *the front edge of a weapon*.

God gave you a mouth to use as a weapon against the enemy. Don't turn and use it to destroy yourself!

Satan knows the power of your words. He doesn't want you using them to be healthy, free, blessed, and prosperous. He wants you to accept his package of lies by agreeing with them and repeating them. Don't succumb to his tactics!

Partner, the Word of God in your mouth is better than silver and gold. *Psalm 119:72* says, "The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver." I'd venture to say that the words that come out of your mouth, when used properly, can bring you silver and gold as well as anything else that you need!

Sadly, most Christians don't understand the power in their words. Words get people into trouble or keep them out of trouble. *Proverbs 21:23* reads, "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from

Ecclesiastes 5:2 is good advice, especially when you may be angry with a loved one. "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few."

Partner, can I be honest with you? My wife told me the other day that she was doing what *Ecclesiastes 5:2* said to avoid an argument with me! She is a virtuous woman, as described in *Proverbs 31:26*: "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness." Pastor Deborah is a very wise woman who knows how not to accept packages of lies from the enemy!

Partner, Satan wants to deposit his trash in your heart. God wants to deposit the treasures of His Word. Jesus talked about that subject in the *12th chapter of Matthew*.

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troubles." If you're married, it was your words that got you to the altar. One day you decided to let three little words come out of your mouth: "I love you." The next thing you knew, you were buying wedding rings and setting a date for the ceremony! Choose your words carefully because they will direct your life.

Saying, "I love you," brings men and women to the marriage altar. Unfortunately, I have witnessed many married couples whose words later brought them to the divorce court. They let the words, "I want a divorce" or "I'm finished with you" fly out of their mouths in the heat of anger or frustration. Later, they regretted those words. **Guard your mouth! Don't speak rashly! It could derail your future and God's best for you!**

Matthew 12:34-36

O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

The word *treasure* that Jesus used in *Matthew 12:35* means *deposit*. The Word of God out of your mouth creates good deposits in your heart. Words of fear,

doubt, depression, doom, gloom, and lack create bad deposits in your heart. **Partner, we will be held accountable for the words we speak. The *day of judgment* means *the day of accusation and condemnation*. It does not refer to judgment from God. If you are saved, you won't face judgment like the lost. However, in this life, when Satan puts pressure on you through affliction, persecution, cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches or lust of other things (See Mark 4:17-19.), your words will either set you free or hold you hostage.**

Partner, I want you to live a long and happy life, full of good days. Therefore, I encourage you to take control of your words. Peter wrote, *“For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile” (1 Peter 3:10).*

Don't accept a package of lies from the devil. Guard your mouth. If you're not feeling joyful, for whatever reason, you can stir it up by speaking positive, faith-filled words. *“A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it” (Proverbs 15:23)!* Receive the joy of the Lord and celebrate His great gift of salvation through Jesus Christ! Receive your abundant harvest!

Partner, Pastor Deborah and I pray for you daily. You are important to us. More importantly, you are important to our Lord! You are always on our minds and in our hearts.

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