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# GOD'S METHOD FOR SUCCESS WITHOUT STRESS

*...aligning your life with the divine order and pathway*

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## Words as Spiritual Forces

The mouth is one of the most underestimated instruments of destiny. Many speak carelessly, unaware that words carry spiritual weight. Scripture, however, teaches that words are powerful forces that shape outcomes, direct paths, and either align us with God's purpose or bring self-destruction.

The Bible declares that death and life are in the power of the tongue and that each person will reap the fruit of what they speak. This is not figurative language; it is a spiritual law. Countless individuals have been undone, not by enemies or circumstances, but by what they themselves released through their words.

This message explores how words can either sabotage destiny or secure success without stress, offering practical principles to make the mouth an instrument of divine alignment rather than self-inflicted harm.

## The Amalekite Who Was Self Condemned

One of the clearest biblical examples of self-destruction through words is the Amalekite who ran to David after King Saul's death. He believed he would gain favour by claiming he had killed King Saul and presenting the king's crown as proof.

But his words violated divine order. David's response was immediate: "Were you not afraid to stretch out your hand against the Lord's anointed?" Then he declared, "Your mouth has testified against you." No investigation was needed—he was condemned to death by the testimony of his own lips (**2 Samuel 1:1-16**).

## The Ten Spies Who Were Condemned by Their Evil Report

In **Numbers 13-14**, twelve spies surveyed the Promised Land. Ten spies returned with an evil report, not denying the land's

richness but denying God's power. Their words were rooted in fear, unbelief, and a distorted view of reality. God's response was stark: "As you have spoken in My ears, so will I do to you" (**Numbers 14:28**). Their words became their sentence. The generation that spoke death and defeat died in the wilderness, not by giants or fortified cities but by the words of their own mouths.

## Miriam's Familiarity That Bred Rebellion and Leprosy

Miriam, Moses' sister, offers another powerful lesson. In **Numbers 12**, she challenged Moses over his Ethiopian wife, letting familiarity and perceived seniority turn into slander. She questioned Moses' authority and implied that God spoke through her as well. God affirmed Moses' unique relationship with Him, declaring that while He spoke to others through dreams and visions, He spoke to Moses face to face. When God withdrew His presence, Miriam became leprous. Her lineage, age, and past service offered no protection. She was cast outside the camp for seven days. Her disobedience not only affected her but also delayed the entire nation. Miriam's words halted the march of Israel.

## Nabal's Destruction by Contempt

Nabal, whose name means "fool," despised David and spoke very

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### THE CGCC CREDO

- Love God, Love People
- Serve God, Serve People
- \* By doing the above, we glorify God individually and corporately.

### OUR COMMITMENTS

- Wholehearted Worship of God
- Prayer → Ministry of the Word → Evangelism
- Seeing People Grow Deeper (Discipleship)
- Helping People Build Vital Relationships with Other Believers
- Loving God and Loving People
- Serving God and Serving People

### OUR CORE LEADERSHIP VALUES

- Compassion
- Intelligence
- Responsibility
- Judgement
- Influence



## WHO WE ARE

"We are a people sent to the nations, governments and powers of the earth as the voice of reason, possibilities and hope. We are the instrumentality of catalysing change and centralising God in the governance of nations. Our mandate is to enforce the Kingdom of God over the kingdoms of this world that have become the Kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ. We are men and women, boys and girls who love God and love people and who serve God and serve people. We always seek to give hope and to be at the forefront of driving change both spiritually and governmentally. We exist, primarily, as a fully functional church and conceptually as a governmental force for change, good governance and leadership."

contemptuously of him, calling him a runaway servant. He judged what he did not understand and mocked what God had ordained. David did not kill Nabal; God restrained him through Abigail's wisdom. Yet within ten days, Nabal suffered a fatal collapse. Scripture links his death to a heart attack after his own words returned upon him. His end came not by warfare, but by the consequences of contemptuous words (**1 Samuel 25:2-38**).

### The Youths Who Were Destroyed by Bears

The Bible records that some young people mocked Elisha, calling him "baldhead," and were soon destroyed by bears. The point is clear: mocking divine authority invites consequences. It was not the bears that destroyed them; their mouths opened the door. Age does not neutralise spiritual law—youthful words can be as destructive as those of an adult (**2 Kings 2**).

### Michal's Barrenness Born Out of Contempt

Michal, Saul's daughter, despised David for dancing before the Lord, judging worship by dignity and appearance rather than divine delight. Her words came from pride and comparison. David replied that his actions were before God, not people. Scripture concludes: "Michal... had no child unto the day of her death." Barrenness was the harvest of her contemptuous words (**2 Samuel 6:16-23**).

### Four Yardsticks for Governing Your Words

Before words are released, whether in private or public, Scripture provides practical filters that protect destiny.

**1. Is It Absolutely True?** Thoughts do not judge a man until they are spoken. Words give thoughts legal standing. Once spoken, words cannot be retrieved. Falsehood leads to bondage and eventual judgement.

**2. Is It Absolutely Necessary?** Truth does not automatically justify words.

There is a time to speak and a time to remain silent. Unnecessary words, even when accurate, can wreck lives.

### 3. Is It Kind and God-Glorifying?

Kindness is not softness; it is alignment with divine intent. Words motivated by pride, criticism, or self-display dishonour God. A consistently critical spirit is evidence of spiritual sickness.

### 4. Will It Ultimately Be a Blessing?

Godly words may not feel pleasant in the moment, but they must confer long-term benefit. If words do not bless, heal, correct, or align, silence is wisdom.

### Joshua: The Model of Good Success

Joshua exemplifies divine success. He was filled with the Spirit, served Moses faithfully, received wisdom through laying on of hands, and was one of the two spies who trusted God. He was publicly honoured and commissioned by God. Yet God gave him one non-negotiable instruction: "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth." Anointing without the Word leads to collapse. Revelation without obedience produces instability. True character, and the stability of the anointing, is formed by alignment with God's word (**Numbers 14:27:15-23, Deuteronomy 34:9, Joshua 1:1-8**).

### Where Words Shape Destiny

Scripture consistently links the mouth to the heart because words are the channel through which internal realities become external outcomes. As a man thinks in his heart, so is he. Thought precedes words, and words deepen what is already in the heart (**Proverbs 23:7**). The heart is the tablet; the tongue is the pen (**Psalm 45:1**).

What is written internally determines what is expressed externally. Treasure, good or evil, is stored in the heart and revealed through words (**Proverbs 4:20-24, Luke 6:45**).

### Self-Inflicted Curses and Restoration

Many people blame Satan, enemies, or external curses for their struggles, while ignoring the destructive confessions they

### OUR 4-DIMENSIONAL OPERATIONAL DYNAMICS

- Church-in-the-House
- Church-in-the-Community
- Church-in-the-City
- Church-in-the-Cloud.

### OUR 4-DIMENSIONAL GROWTH DYNAMICS

- To grow up.
- To grow big.
- To grow very rich.
- To grow together.

have spoken over themselves. Poverty, failure, stagnation, and limitation are often sustained by repeated negative words (**Matthew 12:36-37**). However, by God's words, these patterns are reversible. Repentance renews the heart. The word of God reprogrammes the mind. Spoken truth restores alignment with heaven. Transformation begins with the renewal of the mind. Therefore, learn to speak the Word, think the Word and store the Word. In adversity, only what has been stored within will come forth (**Romans 12:2, Colossians 3:16, Matthew 4:4**).

### Conclusion

Many destinies were not destroyed by enemies, but by words spoken without restraint. Your words are the architects of your destiny. Every word you speak carries weight beyond measure—it can imprison you in failure or catapult you into blessing.

Speak limitation, and you build chains; speak life, and you construct a kingdom. No enemy, no curse, no circumstance can define you, only the words you release. Therefore, learn to guard your mouth, align your heart, and speak deliberately.

Let your words mirror God's purpose, and watch your life transform from limitation to limitless possibility. Success without stress begins when words align with divine order (**Joshua 1:1-8**).

### Prayer Points

1. Father, in Jesus' name, I repent of every self-inflicted curse and careless word. Renew my heart and align my words with Your will.
2. Father, I come to the blood of Jesus—wash and purge my heart. Search me and remove every hidden evil and wrong desire.