

RAISE YOUR VOICE



PRACTICE YOUR POWER A BETTER LIFE GUIDE TO OPERATE IN YOUR GOD GIVEN AUTHORITY!

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This is the Season to **"RAISE YOUR VOICE"** through the Power and Authority that has been invested in you through God to use your tools to command and create the "BETTER" Life in and through Christ.

What are the tools that you have and should use to raise your voice with, not in volume but with POWER. Your tools are: YOUR MIND -YOUR MOUTH-YOUR MOVEMENT

Let's look at how and what the word of God instructs us on how to project and promote the Power of Him in and through raising our voice by:

Checking Your FAITH - Checking Your ASK - Checking Your WHY!

Let us **RAISE OUR VOICE** by amplifying the voice of God through us by His spirit.

Then he said, "This is God's message to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty—you will succeed because of my Spirit, though you are few and weak.

-Zechariah 4:6

Check Your FAITH

You outright cannot receive anything from God without faith. Hebrews reminds us of this.

And without faith it is impossible to please God because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

— Hebrews 11:6

Any prayer you bring to God must be in faith, so make sure you have faith.

If you need a manifestation of God's power in your life today, but haven't seen it yet, faith is the answer. Mark 11:22 says, "Have faith in God." You might say, "I don't feel like I have faith." The faith we have didn't originate with us. God gave us a measure of His own faith Romans 12:3. That means you have a measure of what created the universe inside of you.

Often times, believers say: "I'm believing God for this. I'm believing God for that." But generally what we're really doing is substituting the word believing for wishing or wanting. You see, just because you need or want something, doesn't mean you're believing. "Don't assume that because you're saying you're believing, you really are believing."

If you're trying to convince yourself to have faith by saying this, it won't work. Saying "I'm believing" is not how faith comes. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God—not hearing yourself say, "I believe." That's why it is important to fill up on the Word of God every day by reading it and listening to teachings. But there is a big difference between having heard and hearing. Revelation comes from allowing and expecting the Word of God to be quickened to your spirit and change you on the inside.

So, when 2 Corinthians 13:5 says, "Examine yourselves," we begin here. Next time you hear yourself say, "I'm believing," pause a moment and examine yourself. Am I really believing? If not, wait. Wait for what? For faith to come. Keep renewing your mind and building your faith until you feel it and know it's there—faith beyond measure and circumstance. Then, and only then, is the time to say, "I'm believing."

Check Your FAITH

Mark 11:23-24 You've heard it again and again, but has it become revelation to you? Faith doesn't come from head knowledge. You could memorize every scripture in the Bible and still have no revelation. But if you read the Word of God as if it is life-changing, you'll get revelation. Revelation is "when the Spirit of God reaches inside you and turns on the light." That is how you can get fresh meaning out of a verse you've read dozens of times before.

With that in mind, let's look at Mark 11:23-24 with an expectant heart: "For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

Here is something very important to take note of—this scripture is not referring to prayer. It is an instruction directly from Jesus to us to **speak** to the mountain. He didn't say, "Beg God to move the mountain." He said *you* speak to the mountain.

In your situation, in your need, in your desire—examine yourself—are you praying when you should be **saying?**

There is tremendous power in saying. Jesus spoke to the wind, trees and even fevers. When Peter's mother-in-law had a fever, Jesus came and rebuked it (Luke 4:38-39). He didn't pray or ask the Father to make the fever leave. He spoke directly to the fever using the same authority He has given to us (Luke 10:19).

Your mountain can hear you. Use your faith, use your authority, RAISE YOUR VOICE and start saying!

Don't get use to sickness, lack or strife. Don't accommodate it and allow it to stay. Don't blame God and say, "Well, God, I've asked You to make this go away. Why won't You help me?"

Check Your FAITH

Prayer is powerful, and it has an important place in the life of a Christian. So, how do you know when you should be saying instead of praying? When you pray the two prayers God can't answer:

- 1. Asking God to do something He's already done.
- 2. Asking Him to do what He told *you* to do.

In these two cases, He has said that you must **speak,** and you must **believe.** What must you believe? He said you must believe what *you* say (Mark 11:23). If you tell lies sometimes, you might have a hard time believing what you say because you know in your heart that sometimes you speak the truth and sometimes you don't. Telling a lie, even only occasionally, undermines your ability to operate in faith because you have to believe what *you* say. You cannot waver.

Real faith will speak and believe what it speaks.

1 John 5:14 which says, "If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us." Well, not everything is His will. Before you take a stand on the Word of God, be sure what you're believing for is actually His will for you.

Check Your ASK

Make sure that what you are asking lines up with God's will and word. A great way of doing this is by simply praying the promises God has provided you in his word. If God has promised to do it, then you can be confident in asking for it.

"Real faith in a real God gets real results every time." That is one of the indicators of real faith. There is no such thing as a faith failure because faith works every time. Manifestations aren't always instantaneous—there are times when patience needs to have its perfect work James 1:4. But faith will always bring results because faith never fails.

Real faith doesn't get frustrated. If you're frustrated with your situation or frustrated with how long it is taking to see a manifestation—you're not in faith. You believe you receive when you pray—not when it comes to pass.

Real faith is expecting—expecting God to work miracles, expecting to see manifestations of the Holy Spirit. How can you tell if you're expecting? Excitement! If you have no excitement, you're not in faith because you're waiting for something to excite you.

"So, examine your faith—Did you ask Him? Is it His will? Then be expecting. Faith is full of anticipation. RAISE YOUR VOICE in belief when you ask (Ask, Seek, Knock) Matthew 7:7

Your motives matter, why are you asking for what you are asking for? Be sure to take a close look at your motives. If your motives are pure and right, then you can be confident in asking.

You can ask for anything in my name and I will do it," -John 14:13

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

—1 John 5:14-15

Check Your WHY

We are responsible for using this gift. Remember the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30). Our English word, "talent," meaning special ability, is derived from this parable. The master gave his three servants talents, which he expected them to use. Two servants invested their talents to gain more and the master was pleased. The third servant, out of fear or laziness, refused to do anything with his talent and suffered the displeasure of his master. The master took his talent away and only blessed the two servants who were using their talents.

Your voice is a gift given to you by God. Are you using it?

God has given us the gift of voice and we must use this gift to build up the Kingdom (Ephesians 4:12). Your voice, while helpful to many, is specific to you. He gives you credibility to speak into issues based on what he's taught you and what he's exposed you to. He shows us things for a purpose. Are you being a good steward of what he's shown you?

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

-Matthew 6:33

Check Your WHY

We have a voice. When we speak, people listen. We've been given instruments of influence. Some of us have more influence than others, but we all can leverage our reach of influence for His Kingdom.

We use our voices in many ways. We use them to share the gospel. We use them to shape people's understanding of issues we're passionate about. With our voices, we champion causes. We comfort the suffering. We encourage, respond, warn, inspire and teach. We point people to Christ.

We use our voices with intentionality and wisdom, not just to add to the noise. Not only do we want to add value to the conversation, we want to start new conversations. We want people to know and worship the almighty God. We RAISE our voices to amplify God's voice.

All conversation surrounding voice must begin by acknowledging that our voice is a gift from God. His equipping us with our voices has everything to do with his good pleasure and purposes and nothing to do with our own merit. Whatever measure of influence we have is because of him, not because of us.

Our enemy is happy to convince us of our own awesomeness. And we are all too ready to believe him. We are glory stealers by nature. We must fight to remember Paul's words to the church in Corinth, "What do you have that you did not receive?" (I Corinthians 4:7). God gives us our voice. This leaves no room for boasting.

He gives us this gift for a reason. Our voices are unique to us, and God is creative in how He wants to use them to advance His Kingdom. Our job is stewardship. We walk through the doors he opens for us. We communicate the message He gives us for each opportunity. We RAISE our voice to amplify His.



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