

## BAD CONFESSION

One of the questions that I'm often asked concerns the power of speech. "Pastor, how can I be sure my confession is right?" My advice is quite simple, "Never confess anything that makes the devil think he is winning." Remember, the devil cannot read your thoughts; therefore, he listens to your words to locate your beliefs, gage your attitudes and understand your mind-set. But your words aren't just signposts to the devil, they are also signposts to those around you. They always point in the direction that your life is moving. If ever you want to know where someone is going, listen to his or her words.

We seldom place enough emphasis on the power of our own words. Proverbs 18:21 declares, "*Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.*" Another translation says, "*The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences.*" That is a very alarming statement! We have the power to bring life or death by what we confess. Notice, this power is triggered by speech, and its consequences are as a direct result of the things we love to talk about. You can love to talk about things that bring life or that which brings death. The choice is yours! Either way, it's your life that will be affected.

Whether you like it or not, your words are deciding your future. Matthew 12:37 says, "*For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned.*" Your conversation reveals whether you are a winner or a loser. Losers discuss their problems and difficulties; winners discuss their opportunities and possibilities. Losers can't help talking about the devil's achievements (making him think he's victorious); winners constantly talk about God's all-conquering love for His people. Losers talk like victims; winners talk like victors. Being a winner is a confession away – it's in your mouth and in your heart!

Here is also something else to ponder on: "Today is the tomorrow you talked about yesterday." Therefore, you can build a better tomorrow with the words that leave your mouth today. Today's speech provides the building blocks for tomorrows successes. The question is, "What words are you speaking about yourself today?" Are they words of life or words of death? In Isaiah 51:16 the Lord says, "*I have put My words in your mouth, and have covered you with the shadow of My hand. I spread out the heavens and put the earth in its place, and say to Zion, 'You are My people.'*" As God's people we are meant to have His words in their mouths, and when we do, He covers us with the shadow of His hand!

Make up your mind today to start talking "right" about yourself. You may think there is a lot wrong with you, but there is also a lot right with you. Don't fall into the trap of seeing yourself only through your faults and frailties. In you are seeds of greatness - God has placed them there! So let the words you speak about yourself today make sure that tomorrow is full of great things.