

LESSON 10

YOU WILL NEVER POSSESS UNLESS YOU CONFESS

Required Bible Reading:

Genesis chapter 1	Numbers 13 & 14	Amos 3:3
Proverbs 13:2; 16:23	Joshua 1:8-9	Psalm 91
Mark 5:21-34; 11:20-24	Luke 17:5-6	James
Hebrews 3:1; 8:1; 9:12	Revelations 12:11	1 John 1:9
Romans 10	Proverbs 18:21; 15:4	

There are many questions asked about the subject of confession. What is confession? What is the purpose of confession? Is it necessary to confess God's Word? We will take a look at some of these questions in this lesson.

There are three kinds of confessions: the Lordship of Jesus; the believer's confession of his sins; and faith in the Word, Christ, and God.

As a sinner you had to confess the Lordship of Jesus, **Romans 10:9-10**, in order to be saved. As a born-again Christian when you sin you must confess your sins to receive forgiveness, **1 John 1:9**. The third type of confession is what we will study in this lesson and that is the confession of God's Word.

The first thing you must understand is that you do not confess God's Word for God's benefit. You confess God's Word for your own benefit. God has already done all that He is ever going to do about His Word and your situation. Jesus said "IT IS FINISHED" when he died on the cross. In **Hebrews 9:12**, it says He entered in once to obtain eternal redemption.

Confession of God's Word does not change God, it changes you.

In order for God's Word to come to pass in your life you must agree with it by speaking it (**Amos 3:3**). A man must get in agreement with Him in order for His Word to come to pass in their life.

Faith comes by hearing God's Word. Spoken words program your spirit either to success or defeat. Words are containers. They carry either faith, or fear, and they produce after their kind. Faith comes more quickly when you hear yourself quoting, speaking, and saying the things God said. You must not only have faith, but you must stay in faith and the way you stay in faith is by speaking faith filled words. Say what God says about your situation.

The pattern for living a successful Christian life and receiving everything we need from God is found in **Romans 10:9-10** and **Ephesians 2:8**. We live in God's Kingdom the same way we got in it in the first place. It is by grace through faith and it is by confessing what we believe in our heart. With the heart we believe God's Word, but it is with the mouth that confession is made. You would have never been born again if all you did was just believe.

There are people dying and going to hell everyday that believe Jesus is the son of God. You must make the confession. You must confess Him as Lord.

We possess all of God's promises the same way. No where does the Bible teach that if you just believe in your heart then you'll get an answer. In **Mark 11:23**, Jesus mentioned believing once and confession three times. With our heart we believe for healing, and with our mouth, we make our confession for our healing. With our heart we believe for prosperity or the baptism in the Holy Spirit and with our mouth we make our confession for these things. Everything you receive from God comes this way.

Romans 10:8 says, "...The word is nigh thee, even in thy MOUTH, and in thy HEART; that is the word of faith, which we preach." The word must be in your mouth as well as in your heart. If you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth, you will have whatever you say.

You release your faith with your words. The primary action we are to put to our faith is words. Faith is the hand that receives from God so your faith is released by your words. Faith without works is dead and where there is no confession there will be no possession.

God is restricted by our failure to confess with our mouth what we believe in our heart. Your mouth is like the faucet or trigger that will open the flow, and the faith filled words you speak will be the hand that possesses the promise.

Another very important point on the subject of confession is found in **Hebrews 8:1** and **3:1**. In **Hebrews 8:1**, Paul stated that the sum, or the main point of the things he had spoken to them about, was that Jesus is our high priest. If we look at **Hebrews 3:1**, we find that Jesus is the high priest of our profession or confession. The most important thing Paul spoke of was that of Jesus being our high priest. He is the high priest of what we say and we should be very careful that what we give Him to work with is a good confession.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Find scriptures in these five areas and begin to confess

1. What God in Christ did for us in the plan of Redemption.
2. What God through the Word and the Holy Spirit did for us in the New Birth and the Holy Spirit.
3. What we are to God the Father.
4. What Jesus is doing for us now, seated at the right hand of the Father, where He ever lives to make intercession for us (**Hebrews 7:25**)
5. What God is able to do through us, or what His Word will do as we speak it.

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1. In **Numbers 13**, what prevented the children of Israel from possessing the promise land? _____
2. In **Mark 11** and **Romans 10** you found that you must _____ with your heart and _____ with your mouth.
3. God told Joshua this book of the law should remain where _____.
4. Faith without works is _____.
5. What works are you to put to your faith primarily? _____.
6. A wise man's heart teaches his mouth what to say? _____T _____F
7. In **Mark 5**, what did the woman with the issue of blood say? _____

What did she get? _____.
8. In **Genesis 1**, how did God create the heavens and the earth _____.
9. Faith comes by hearing. Who do you hear speaking more than anyone else from day to day _____.
10. You can be an overcomer by the words you speak? _____T _____F
11. You must confess God's word so you can get him to do something for you? _____T _____F
12. You can keep yourself in faith by _____.