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# THE POWER OF YOUR WORDS

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## Introduction

**F**or a long time I was confused over the fact that in my own life and the lives of others there was a continual sense of defeat and failure.

I prayed for the sick. I knew that the Bible was true, and I searched diligently to find the leakage.

One day I saw Hebrews 4:14, that we are to hold fast to our *confession* (*profession* in the Authorized Version).

In the third chapter of Hebrews, I discovered that Christianity is called “The Great Confession.”

I asked myself, “What confession am I to hold fast?” I am to hold fast to my confession of the absolute integrity of the Bible. I am to hold fast to the confession of the redemptive work of Christ. I am to hold fast to my confession of the New Creation, of receiving the Life and Nature of God. I am to hold fast to the confession that God is the strength of my life.

I am to hold fast to the confession that “Surely He hath borne my sicknesses and carried my diseases, and that by His stripes I am healed.” (See Isaiah 53:4–5.)

## 8 *The Power of Your Words*

I found it very difficult to hold fast to the confession of perfect healing when I had pain in my body.

I made the discovery that I had been making two confessions. I had been confessing the absolute truthfulness of the Word of God, and at the same time I was making a confession that I was not healed.

If you had asked, "Do you believe that by His stripes you are healed?" I would have said, "Yes, sir, I do."

But in the next breath I would have said, "But the pain is still there." The second confession nullified the first.

In reality I had two confessions: first, a confession of my perfect healing and redemption in Christ, and second, that the redemption and healing were not a fact.

Then came the great battle to gain the mastery over my confession, until I learned to have but one confession.

If I confess that "My God shall supply every need of mine" (see Philippians 4:19), I must not nullify that confession by saying, "Yes, God supplies my needs, but I cannot pay my rent, and I cannot pay the telephone bill."

Faith holds fast to the confession of the Word.

Sense Knowledge holds fast to the confession of physical evidences.

If I accept physical evidence against the Word of God, I nullify the Word as far as I am concerned.

But I hold fast to my confession that God's Word is true, that by His stripes I am healed, that My God does supply my needs. I hold fast to that confession in the face of apparent contradictions, and He is bound to make good.

Many believers have failed when things become difficult because they lost their confession. While the sun was shining brightly, their confessions were vigorous, strong and clear. But when the storms came, the testings came, and the Adversary was taking advantage of them, they gave up their testimony.

Every time you confess disease and weakness and failure, you magnify the Adversary above the Father, and you destroy your own confidence in the Word.

You are to hold fast to your confession in the face of apparent defeat. You are to study the Word until you know what your rights are, and then hold fast to them.

Some make confessions without any foundations. Then the Adversary whips and beats them badly.

You are to find out what your rights are. For instance, you know that He says, "Surely He hath borne our sicknesses and carried our diseases." Now you can make your confession.

*"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors"* (Romans 8:37). There you can make your confession.

*"Greater is he that is in [me], than he that is in the world"* (1 John 4:4). You can make your confession here.

Stand by your confession through thick and thin, through good report and evil. You know that your confession is according to the Word.

Revelation 12:11 says, *"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony."*

—E. W. Kenyon

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*E. W. Kenyon*

## Right and Wrong Confessions

Few Christians have recognized the place that confession holds in the scheme of things. Whenever the word *confession* is used, we instinctively think of confessing sin, weakness, and failure. That is the negative side of this question.

Christianity is called “the Great Confession.” Confessing is affirming something that we believe. It is testifying of something that we know. It is witnessing for a truth that we have embraced. Confession holds a very large place in Christianity.

Jesus planned that this great Life and Love should be given to the world through testimony, that is, through the confession of our lips. Testifiers and witnesses and confessors have been the great leaders in the revolutionary life that Jesus gave to the world. The major problem that we face, then, is to know what we are to confess.

Our confession centers around several things: first, what God in Christ has wrought for us; second, what God through the Word and the Spirit has wrought in us; third, what we are to the Father in Christ; and last of all, what God can do through us, or what the Word will do through our lips.

You cannot confess or witness about things you do not know. It is what you have seen and heard that counts in the court room. It is what you know personally about Jesus Christ and about what you are in Christ that counts. How few of us dare to confess to the world what the Word declares that we are in Christ! Take this Scripture, for instance: *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature”* (2 Corinthians 5:17). What a revolutionary thing it would be for the church to make a confession like that! They are not just forgiven sinners—not poor, weak, staggering, sinning church members. They are new creations, created in Christ Jesus with the life of God, the nature of God, and the ability of God in them.

What a stir it would make in the modern church for you to confess that you are absolutely redeemed! Ephesians 1:7–8 reads, *“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence”* (NKJV).

That would mean that Satan’s dominion has been broken, that he lost his dominion over your life the moment you became a new creation. You received a new Lord, Jesus Christ, to reign over you. Satan’s dominion ended and Jesus’ dominion began. Disease and sickness can no longer lord it over you. The old habits can no longer lord it over you. You are a new creation created in Christ.

What a stir there would be if this Scripture became a reality, *“Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness”* (Isaiah 41:10).

*“If God be for us, who can be against us?”* (Romans 8:31). That is the most revolutionary thing that has ever been

taught. That is your confession as you stand before the world. "God is with me this morning."

1 John 4:4 declares, "*Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*" You fearlessly say, "God is in me now; the Master of creation is in me!" What a confession that is!

You face life fearlessly. You know now that greater is He that is in you than all the forces that can be arrayed against you. You are facing bills that you cannot pay. You are facing enemies that you have no ability to conquer, and yet you face them fearlessly.

You say with triumph, "[He] *preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: [He] anointest my head with oil*" (Psalm 23:5). I am filled with joy and victory because God has taken me over; He is fighting my battles."

I am not afraid of circumstances because "*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*" (Philippians 4:13). He is not only my strength, but He is also at my right hand. He is my salvation; whom shall I fear? He throws light upon life's problems so that I know I can act intelligently. He is my salvation, my deliverance from every trap the Enemy sets for me, from every snare in which he would enslave me. "*The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*" (Psalm 27:1). I am not afraid of anything. I have no fear because this God of Omnipotence is on my side. This is my continual confession.

I confess that I have a redemption that God planned and wrought in Christ. I am a new creation of which He, Himself, is the Author and the Finisher. I have a righteousness that permits me to stand in His presence as though sin had never been. I not only have righteousness reckoned to me, but I also have righteousness imparted to me in the new nature that I

have received from Him. I have received His nature, His life; and in this life and nature is the life of God. This makes me righteous even as He is righteous.

This is my confession. This gives me boldness in prayer. This builds faith. This makes my way sure. I am no longer hemmed in by limitations because I am united with the Limitless One.

He is the Vine and I am the branch. As a branch I bear His fruit because the Vine is imparting to me the fullness of His life. I know the reality of this because it has become a part of my very being.

I know I love because He has shed abroad His love in my heart through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5), and I know that His nature in me is love. His love ability has gained the mastery, for now I can love in whatever circumstances I am placed.

I can say with joy, "*Sin shall not have dominion over [me]*" (Romans 6:14). It can no longer lord itself over me. Circumstances can no longer hold me in bondage and hinder my usefulness in the world. I not only have God's life in me and this great Spirit who raised up Jesus from the dead in me, but I also have the use of Jesus' name. He has given to me a legal right to use it. My confession is that whatever I ask of the Father in His name, He gives to me. He has given me the power of attorney. I am using that power to help men. I am taking Jesus' place now. He is working His own work through me. He is living His own life in me.

Jesus said, "In my name ye shall cast out demons." I am exercising my rights. He said, "In my name ye shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." My hands become the

medium through which His life pours. I am living the abundant life. I know my words are His words. His words broke the power of death, of demons, and healed the sick. They do the same things in my lips. This is my confession. This is my heart expressing itself through words in my lips. Confession is faith's way of expressing itself.

Faith, like love, is only revealed in action and word. There is no faith without confession. Faith grows with your confession. Confession does several things to the believer: it locates him; it fixes the landmarks of his life; it mightily affects his spirit, the inner man, when he makes his declaration. For instance, there is Romans 10:9–10: *“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”*

There are two confessions involved here: first, a confession of the Lordship of Jesus; and, second, that he has become the righteousness of God and is saved. These are positive confessions. The reason the majority of Christians are weak, though they are earnest, is that they have never dared to make a confession of what they are in Christ. What they must do is find what they are in the mind of the Father—how He looks upon them—and then confess it. This can be found in the Epistles. When you find this, you boldly make your confession of what the Word declares you are in Christ. As you do this, your faith will abound. The reason your faith is throttled and held in bondage is that you have never dared to confess what God says you are.

Remember that faith never grows beyond your confession. Your daily confession of what the Father is to you, what

Jesus is now doing for you at the right hand of the Father, and what the mighty Holy Spirit is doing in you will build a positive, solid faith life. You will not be afraid of any circumstance, of any disease, or of any condition. You will fearlessly face life—a conqueror. After a while you will find that Romans 8:37 is true: “*Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors.*” You will never be a conqueror until you confess it.

## A Wrong Confession

A wrong confession is the confession of defeat, failure, and of the supremacy of Satan. Talking about your combat with the Devil, how he has hindered you and how he is holding you in bondage and keeping you sick, is a confession of defeat. It is a wrong confession. It glorifies your adversary. It is an unconscious declaration that your Father God is a failure. Most of the confessions that we hear today glorify the Devil. They destroy faith and holds you in bondage.

The confession of your lips that has grown out of faith in your heart will absolutely defeat the Adversary in every combat.

The confession of Satan’s ability to hinder you and keep you from success gives Satan dominion over you and fills you with fear and weakness. But if you boldly confess your Father’s care and protection, and declare that He that is in you is greater than any force around you, you will rise above satanic influence.

Every time you confess your doubts and fears, your weakness and your disease, you are openly confessing that the Word of God is not true and that God has failed to make it good. He declares that, “With His stripes you were healed,”

and “Surely He hath borne our sicknesses and carried our diseases.” Instead of confessing that He has borne my diseases and put them away, I confess that I still have them. I take the testimony of my senses instead of the testimony of the Word of God. As long as I hold fast to my confession of weakness, sickness, and pain, I will still have them. I may search for years for some man of God to pray the prayer of faith for me, and it will be to no avail because my unbelief destroys the effect of his faith.

The believer who is always confessing his sins and his weaknesses is building weakness, failure, and sin into his consciousness. If we do sin, when we confess it, “*he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness*” (1 John 1:9). When that confession has been made, we never refer to it again. It is not past history, because history can be remembered. This is as though it had never been. We should never remind ourselves or the Lord of our failings or of our past mistakes. They are not! If you confess anything, confess that you stand complete in Him—that what God has said in regard to your mistakes and blunders is absolutely true. We should never confess our sins to people. We may have to ask forgiveness of them, but then we are to forget them. Never tell anyone about your weakness or about your past blunders and failures. They will not forget them and sometime will remind you of them. If you tell it to anyone, tell it to the Lord and then forget it.

## **Dare to Make Your Confession**

You confess that God is the Lord of your life, that He is the Lord over disease, sickness, and Satan. You hold fast to your confession of Jesus’ absolute Lordship over everything

that would keep you in bondage or hinder you from enjoying the finished work of Christ. In the face of every need, you confess that the Lord is your Shepherd. You do not want. (It is always in the present tense.) He is your supply. He is your health, your strength. He is the strength of your life; of whom will you be afraid? Remember that we never realize beyond our confession. If you dare confess healing on the ground of the Word, then there is no sickness for you. In the face of pain and an open sore, you confess that with His stripes you are healed and you hold fast to your confession, never wavering, knowing that, “no Word from God is void of power.”

The word *power* means “ability”—ability to make good. That Word will heal you if you continually confess it. Your body will respond to your mind, and your spirit will gain the lordship over your body and mind. Your body will obey your confession. “*He sent His word, and healed them*” (Psalm 107:20). Jesus was that Word. Now that name of Jesus and the words of Jesus become your healing. Confession is confirming the Word of God. It is a confession of my confidence in what God has spoken.

Here are several confessions every believer should make:

*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

(Romans 10:9–10)

We confess the absolute Lordship of Jesus and the absolute righteousness that is imparted to us in our redemption. We dare to confess before the world and before the throne

of God that Jesus is now our Lord and that we have received salvation and become the righteousness of God in Him. We confess that we are new creations of which Jesus is the Head and the Lord. The Word has taken Jesus' place in our lives. We are to obey the Word as we would obey Jesus if He stood in our presence.

A second confession is found in 1 Peter 5:7: "*Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*" We confess that we no longer have cares, anxieties, and burdens. We can never have prostration. We can never be unnerved and unfit for life's work. Our minds are complete and clear. Our spirits are free. Our testimony has the anointing of the Spirit upon it because He bears every burden, carries every load, and meets every need.

A third confession is, "*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want*" (Psalm 23:1). I do not want for money. I do not want for health or rest. I do not want for strength. I do not want for anything. He is all that I need. This is a living reality. What a life is mine! What a sense of security, of power, and of victory! You are not afraid to take your stand on Philippians 4:19: "*My God shall supply all [my] need.*"

You loudly make your fourth confession, that Isaiah 53:3–5 is true. Every disease, every weakness, and every infirmity was laid on Jesus Christ, and you are free of them. Just as He bore your sin, He bore your disease. You stand complete in Him. Free from the burden, the power, the pain, and the effect of disease. This confession gives you a healthy body, a clear mind, and a conquering spirit.

Your fifth confession is that 1 Corinthians 1:30 is absolutely true: "*But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and*

*redemption.*” Christ has been made all these things unto you. You do not need to pray for wisdom, as James told the babes in Christ to do (James 1:5), because He is your wisdom. You do not have to ask for righteousness because you have become the righteousness of God in Him. You don’t have to ask Him to sanctify you because He is your sanctification. You do not have to pray for redemption because you are redeemed. He is your redemption. What a confession to make before the world!

Hebrews 4:14 says, “*Let us hold fast our confession*” (NKJV). We have found in a measure what our confession is, but there is a great deal more to it than you find in this book. Your success and usefulness in the world are going to be measured by your confession and by the tenacity with which you hold fast to that confession under all circumstances or the opinions of men. You will never yield to fear or listen to the voice of the senses. You stand by your confession, knowing that God cannot fail you.

There is grave danger of a dual confession. You confess His faithfulness, the absolute faithfulness of His Word, yet at the same time you confess your sickness. You confess your weakness, your lack of money, your lack of ability. You have confessed that He was your supply, that He was your Healer. You have confessed that you were healed by His stripes. Now you talk about your lack of ability to do this or that because of your sickness. You cannot do the housework or go about your business because you are not able to do it. Yet you have made your confession that He was the strength of your life and that with His stripes you were healed. Your confession of sickness and disease destroys what you are in Christ or what He is to you. This is one of the most dangerous of all confessions. You

will find that you have been so carefully trained in the confession of wrong, of failure, of weakness, of sin, of sickness, and of want that it will take a great deal of discipline through the Word to cure you of the habit.

Now you make your confession and stand by it.