

THE THING WE NEED TO DEVELOPE

INTRODUCTION

This Sunday, I want to share my heart with you. I want you to understand that time is running out for you! Yes you. One day will be like any other day but for you it will be the day you stand face to face with God almighty. What are you going to do? What are you going to say to Him when He asks you to give an account of your life?

Romans 14:11-13 says *“¹¹ It is written: ‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God. ¹² So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. ¹³ Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.’”*

So when you die one day, immediately you stand before God and give an account of your life! Do you understand what this means? Do you understand without Jesus as our Salvation we stand no chance!

Hebrews 4:12-14 says *“¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. ¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.”*

There is nothing you are doing or anyone else is doing that is not in the Light of God. You might do something in secret, you might tell your friend so and so and no one else hears it. You might take a pen form work, no one sees me, I can be ugly to that person, I can mean to that beggar...

God sees it ALL, and we will give an account to HIM. You will not have a good lawyer that can with persuasive words sway the judge.

1 Peter 4:4-6, clearly says this: *“⁴ They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. ⁵ But they will have to give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶ For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to human standards in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.”*

Today is an emotional day, because just once week ago, my dear Mother went to be with Jesus in Heaven. She had fought her fight of faith and was

immediately in the presence of the Lord. Jesus her advocate, her Saviour and friend.

So today is a sad day for me, but all around us people are going on with their life as if there is no tomorrow. Every day people are dying and going to hell because they refuse to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Just this past weekend in Kempton Park, where I live, at one funeral undertakes there were five deaths? I know my Mother was saved, but what about the rest.

We are living as if there are no consequences to our action when in fact there are many consequences and implication of not living your life with purpose and developing the Christ like attitude we need.

Jesus put it this way in **John 14:6**, *“I (JESUS CHRIST), AM the WAY, and the TRUTH and the LIFE, NO ONE comes to the Father except through me.”*

What Jesus is saying here, that ONLY He, Jesus Christ, is the only way to God, there is no other way. You can try any other way you want, but you are not going to Heaven.

Some people try other religions, some people think that by being good they can obtain heaven, so people think if they die a martyr they go to heaven, BUT JESUS CHRIST the SON of GOD said, that HE and only HE is the way to God – THERE IS NO OTHER WAY!

The best that we can do in our own strength is offensive to God, **Isaiah 64:6** says *“All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.”*

SOLUTION

So what is the Solution? The solution is nothing other than JESUS CHRIST! He came to this world so that ALL men and women can be saved for Hell! HE paid the FULL PRICE for ALL your sins, if you want to come in your own strength there is not FORGIVENESS but if you come through JESU CHRIST there is forgiveness.

Let's close our eyes

So right now, my message is not finished but I want you to have an opportunity to accept JESUS CHRISIT as your own personal Saviour, right now in this place. Forget about your husband, your wife, your parents, your children – this is about YOU because only YOU can make that decision to accept JESUS CHRIST as your Saviour.

ALTER CALL

So now you are Born again, let us clap our hand for those people who made a commitment to Christ Jesus.

1 - A PERSOAL RELATIONSHIP

So now that you have accepted Christ what now, YES! Everyone here knows you must go to church, you must read your Bible and pray every day. Those are all fact but unless when we read the Word of God we do not change we are basically still the same as we were before.

So what is the answer, the answer is to develop Godly character in your life.

What are the thing we need to do or develop every day in our lives in order to be a blessing and being who Jesus Christ paid for you to be?

The first thing is to have a persona relationship with God! Become God's friend, visit with Him every day at the same time – we call that a quiet time with God, where you read the Bible to hear God's Word, you pray you talk back to God and then you wait and contemplate what God just spoke to you about and you listen to hear God's voice so that he can instruct you!

Proverbs 16:3-4 –Aron's blessing by saying this

2 – SPEAK THE BLESSING

Start to speak the blessings over everything in your life and over everyone. Stay busy blessing everything you can possibly bless.

Numbers 6:24-26, God tell Moses and Aaron how to bless the people.

Father, Mother you need to speak the blessings of GOD over your children! Speak God's Word over your children. In other words PRAY for your children every day!

3 – WATCH WHAT YOU SAY

We need to be constantly busy, watching what we say. No matter what situation you are in today, you can turn it around today with your mouth. Speak the blessings out of your mouth.

Mark 11:22-24 says *“²² So Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Have faith in God. ²³ 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**. ²⁴ Therefore I **say** to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.’”*

This passage of scripture proves we get what we say! Did you know you are at exactly the place today that your mouth put you?

Psalm 100:4 - be thankful and say so.

Psalm 119:62 - at midnight I will give thanks.

Ephesians 1:16 - Paul said I do not cease to give thanks for you.

Colossians 1:3 – We give thanks to God.

4 – ENCOURAGE PEOPLE ON PURPOSE

From today, start encouraging people on purpose. Be an encourager of people! People need to hear how and what we think about them in a positive way.

Your children, your wife or husband and friends, don't need to hear where they fail and how bad they are – they know it already! They need to hear you say something encouraging and up lifting.

In the Disney movie, Bambi there is a rabbit called Thumper and he says “if you can't say something nice, then don't say anything at all!”

That is GOOD ADVISE! If you cannot say something nice, SHUT UP! Don't say anything.

It is those things you are saying that are hurting your family and friends. It is your mouth that is a sewer spewing curses, ugly words, and accusations without any form of encouragements, and it MUST STOP!

Remember you WILL give an account for every idle word! Matthew 13:36, says just this *“But I say to you that for every **idle** word men may speak, they will give account of it in the Day of Judgment.”*

Rather keep quiet, or walk away because you will do more harm than good. Start your day by thinking good thoughts about people. Think of something nice to say to everyone you meet from today!

- You know my wife, I really love you and appreciate all you are doing for our family!
- Hi Peter, you are such a good friend and I really appreciate you.
- Pastor that was such a good sermon today!

Galatians 6:9 says *“⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”*

4 – TELL THE TRUTH AT ALL TIMES

Tell the truth at all times, we cannot imagine the implications of not telling the truth.

Explain the complications of a lie!

Ephesians 4:15 -¹⁵ *but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ”*

According to **Proverbs 6:16-19**, there are seven things the LORD HATES! One of them is a liar!

Proverbs 6:19 ¹⁹ *A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.”*

The reason why lying is so bad is because firstly the source of ALL lies is SATAN! Jesus said in **JOHN 8:44**, ⁴⁴ *You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”*

So if you are a liar, or lying to people, then you not doing the will of God but of Satan, which Jesus says is your father. Satan has always been a murder and he will always be a murder, just as he is a liar and the father or source of ALL lies. Satan is a liar and he can NEVER tell the true, even if he tried.

However the contrast to this is God who is ONLY TRUTH, there is no hint of any lie. Never ever has God lied, NEVER!

In fact it is impossible for God to lie but Satan is the father of all lies.

Numbers 23:19 says *“¹⁹ “God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”*

So if God cannot lie and Satan is the father or source of all lies, who will you believe? Will you believe Satan that is telling you lies about God and serving God, or will you for once in your life listen to Jesus who is saying I am the way the truth and the life. Jesus is TRUST, God is TRUTH, The Holy Spirit is TRUTH – Who will you believe?

Last thing on this topic, if you are lying to people then know this God cannot promote a liar!

Many are called but few are chosen because they refuse to be truthful. You cannot raise above your confession. Matthew 22:14 says *““For many are called, but few are chosen.”*

Jesus speaking to the woman at the well, he says in **John 4:23-24** – *“²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. ²⁴ God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”*

Jesus / God wants people who come to Him with clean hands, those who worship Him in spirit and in truth, you cannot do that if you are a liar or have sin in your life.

I do not know, but if I was you, I would fall on my knees and repent of the spirit of lying, unconfessed hidden sins, I would make right now, let us do that now, everyone who want to, let us go on our knees and repent of a lying spirit and our other sins.

6 – SPEAK THE WORD OF GOD

Hebrews 4:12 says *“¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart”.*

The Word of God can and will change things, you can change your atmosphere by your words. When you speak the Word of God the angels listen to what you are saying and are dispatched to do exactly what you say.

So if you say “oh I am poor...” then poverty is what you will get, but as you say, In **2 Corinthians 8:9** says that *“Although Jesus was rich, he became poor for my sakes so that in His poverty I might become rich!”*

Speak the Word of God! It is the Word of God, The Word of God and nothing but the Word of God. Get your mouth SAVED!

Mark 11:23-24 *“You will have whatever you SAY!”* What do you have? I guarantee that is what you or someone said about you in your past!

Words have POWER and the Word of God is like Dynamite, it might be small and insignificant but when it is ignited with Explodes with Godly power!

Jeremiah 23:28-29, says that God's Word is like a hammer and will break up all your problems. We have got to keep on hitting our problems with God's Word until it breaks open.

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Ezekiel is in the valley of dry bones and God says to him, SPEAK or PROPHSY to these dry bone saying THUS SAYETH THE LORD!

Speak to your problem, speak the truth.

May I should pause here, let's take my mother for Example, she was very ill for 61 days, ever since I came to Malawi on the 16th of April 2016. On the 9th of June she had a stroke and doctors told us that she had less then 48 hours to live.

What did we do? Who do you believe, God or the doctor? Well you have to understand, if I said she is not sick and the doctors are lying, then I am a liar. If you say I am rich yet you do not have any money that would be a lie, so how do we console or balance and if I say this in faith actually I am lying!

What we need to understand there are facts: It was a fact my Mother was very ill and could die in the next 48 hours, I did not dispute that. It is a fact that you do not have any money in your pockets and you do not know what tomorrow will bring.

But FACTS are not the TRUTH – the truth is God's Word, and God Word superceeds the facts every time. Therefore when we made proclamations, we identified the facts and said, God You know what the doctors have said about my Mother, she is gravely ill, but the truth is in Isaiah 53:4-5 and 1 Peter 2:24, which say that by You strips, Jesus, my Mother IS and WAS healed.

It is a fact I do not have money in my pocket, but Your Word says in **Philippians 4:19**, that MY GOD shall supply ALL my needs according to His riches in Glory.

7 – DON'T TALK TOO MUCH

I know that the biggest problem with everybody, including myself, is that we speak too much.

Don't talk too much. Before you just say something ask yourself if it is necessary and speak only what is true, good, encouraging and uplifting all the time. **Philippians 4:8** says *“Finally, brethren, whatever **things** are true, whatever **things** are noble, whatever **things** are just, whatever **things** are pure, whatever **things** are lovely, whatever **things** are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate **on these things.**”*

There is a reason why God gave us two ears, two eyes, two nostrils, two hands and feet but ONE MOUTH! We should listen twice as much as we speak.

Closing

In **NUMBERS 6:24-26** we find a blessing which God commanded to Moses, for Aaron to bless the nation of Israel and has since been spoke over God's people in every age.

Let us decide today to get our act together and become an encourager.

Let us stand! Please say this after me!

I will be and encourager of people - I am committing myself to encouraging people daily. I Ask God to give me the words to say to people by encouraging them.

I will speak the truth ALL the time.

I will bless the Lord at ALL time.

I will muzzle my mouth at ALL times.

I will speak excellent things.

Amen, let me speak the Aaron's blessing over everyone as we remain standing!

²⁵ "The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."

AMEN! BE blessed!