

WORDS THAT MOVE HEAVEN – 4
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REVIEW:

- **NUM. 14:28** God hears our words.
- **PR. 18:21** We eat the fruit of our words.
- Words got Joshua and Caleb into the promised land.
- Words kept the Moses generation out of the promised land.

CONTINUE: JOSHUA 1:8

The secret to becoming a doer of God's word was revealed to Joshua: Keep God's word in our mouth and meditate it day and night. This practice leads to success in life. Meditation is a spiritual exercise that enables us to become doers of God's Word.

- Physical exercise strengthens and tones the body; mental exercise strengthens and sharpens the mind; and spiritual exercise strengthens the spirit and builds faith into it.
- Meditation is a spiritual exercise that cultivates and develops the life of God in the spirit (**PS. 1:1-3**)
- **PHILEMON 1:6** Our faith becomes effectual (active, operative, powerful) as we acknowledge every good thing in us in Christ. Acknowledge means full discernment (Epignosis).
- Mediation turns legalities into realities.

EPH. 4:13-15

The main objective of the five-fold ministry is spiritual maturity. By "speaking the truth in love", we grow up into Christ in all things. God's Word is truth.

ECCL. 5:1-7 - Solomon's advice includes: hearing, speaking, humility, vowing and sinning with the mouth.

Hearing

Jesus made important statements about hearing: **MK. 4:23-24, LUKE 8:18** We are to take heed what and how we hear. Jesus meant more than hearing an audible sound. He meant to hear, consider, accept or reject (**MT. 7:24-27**). It's not the hearer that overcomes. It's the doer, or the one who hears, accepts and acts upon what he hears.

ROM 10:16-17

I heard "You must be born again" for six years before I really heard it". Hearing is one of our highest responsibilities in our relationship with God because we are to live by faith and faith begins and is sustained by hearing. Hearing is serious business for believers. We are:

- **2 COR. 5:17** New Creations. * **2 COR. 5:20** Ambassadors.
- **2 COR. 5:21** Righteous. * **ROM. 8:15-17** Children, heirs, joint heirs.
- **ROM. 8:37** More than conquerors. * **ACTS 1:8** Holy Ghost empowered.
- **EPH. 1:3** Blessed. * **EPH. 2:10** His masterpiece.
- **COL. 1:21-22** Holy, unblameable, unproveable.
- **1 JOHN 5:4** World overcomers.

Conclusion – To become doers of the word we must keep God's word in our mouth and meditate it day and night until it strengthens our spirit and builds faith into it. God hears what we say even about ourselves and does to us what He hears us say!

