

*Living a Prophesying Life
to Speak the Word of God
in Ten Major Categories
for the Building Up of the Church*

Scripture Readings: Psa. 45:1; Num. 11:29; 1 Cor. 14:3, 12, 31; 1 Pet. 4:11; 1 Cor. 12:8

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I. The speaking God, the Word of God, created us in His image to be a speaking people (Gen. 1:26; John 1:1; Heb. 1:1-2a; Acts 8:4; 1 Cor. 14:31).

II. "My heart overflows with a good matter; / I speak what I have composed concerning the King. / My tongue is the pen of a ready writer" (Psa. 45:1):

- A. If we have an affectionate love for the Lord Jesus, our tongue will be the pen of a ready writer, ready to write our love and our praise.
- B. Our heart should overflow to speak the full ministry of Christ in the stages of His incarnation, inclusion, and intensification as the content of God's eternal economy (John 1:14; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Rev. 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6).

III. Matthew 16:18 says, "I will build My church," and 1 Corinthians 14:4b says, "He who prophesies builds up the church":

- A. To prophesy is to speak for the Lord and to speak forth the Lord, that is, to dispense Christ into people (vv. 3, 12, 31).
- B. God's desire is for all of His people to be prophets (Num. 11:29; 1 Cor. 14:31).
- C. Christ first builds the church by dispensing Himself into us as the regenerating word of God through those who prophesy by speaking Him forth as the good news of the gospel (1 Pet. 1:23; Rom. 10:14-17).
- D. Christ continues to build the church by overflowing from within us in the church meetings to speak forth Christ into one another—to prophesy—for

the increase of Christ within us so that we may grow with the growth of God for God's building (John 7:37-39; Col. 2:19).

IV. We must live a proper, normal Christian life—a prophesying life—so that we may be the proper speaking ones in the church meetings (1 Pet. 4:11):

- A. We must love the Lord (John 21:15-17):
 1. The more we love the Lord, the more we are qualified, equipped, and perfected to speak for Him.
 2. Our love for the Lord is the factor, the element, and the very basic essence of our being powerful in speaking forth the Lord.
 3. If we love the Lord, we will surely be filled with Him, and we will surely have something of Him to pour out, to release the One who has filled us within.
- B. We must be revived by the Lord (Rev. 3:1-2, 15-17):
 1. Once we are revived, we will have a desire to go fishing for men and to go to the homes where the fish are (Matt. 4:19).
 2. To have a local church in the Lord's recovery that is living and prevailing with everyone speaking, we all need to be revived day by day (2 Cor. 4:16).
- C. We must live a victorious life, an overcoming life (Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21).
- D. We must abide in the fellowship with the Lord daily and hourly (1 John 1:3, 6; 2 Cor. 13:14).
- E. We must be a praying person (Col. 4:2; Rom. 10:12-13).
- F. We must enjoy the Lord every day early in the morning to have a new start of each day (Psa. 119:147-148).
- G. We must learn to walk by and according to our spirit mingled with the Spirit (Gal. 5:16; Rom. 8:4).
- H. We must live Christ for His magnification by the

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bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ (Phil. 1:19-21a; Gal. 2:20).

- I. We must speak Christ to all kinds of people daily in season and out of season (Acts 5:42; 8:4; 2 Tim. 4:2).
- J. We must deal with our sins thoroughly (1 John 1:5, 7, 9; Acts 24:16).
- K. We must be filled with the Spirit inwardly (13:52; Eph. 5:18).
- L. We must be filled with the Spirit outwardly (Acts 4:31, 8; 13:9).
- M. We must accumulate the experiences of Christ (Phil. 3:8-10, 12-14).
- N. We must keep a rich storage of the Lord's word (Col. 3:16; John 15:7; 1 John 2:14).
- O. We must know some of the hymns on Christ, the Spirit, the church, life, etc., in our hymnal (1 Cor. 14:26; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).
- P. We must desperately endeavor to build up a habit of speaking in any meeting (1 Cor. 14:26, 4-5, 12, 31).
- Q. We must always have something to speak in all the meetings as a freewill offering to God and to the audience (v. 26 and footnote 1).

V. We must be those who speak ten major categories of the word of God:

- A. The word of grace (Acts 20:32).
- B. The word of truth (Eph. 1:13).
- C. The word of the gospel (Acts 8:4).
- D. The word of life (1 John 1:1; Phil. 2:16; Acts 5:20).
- E. The healthy word (1 Tim. 6:3; 2 Tim. 1:13).
- F. The edifying word (Eph. 4:29).
- G. The good word (Heb. 6:5).
- H. The word of righteousness (5:13).
- I. The word of wisdom (1 Cor. 12:8).
- J. The word of knowledge (v. 8).

VI. The two most important items of the manifestation of the Spirit in the believers are the word of wisdom and the word of knowledge:

- A. According to the context of 1 Corinthians, the word

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of wisdom is the word concerning Christ as the deeper things of God, predestined by God to be our portion (1:24, 30; 2:6-10).

- B. The word of knowledge is the word that imparts a general knowledge of things concerning God and the Lord (8:1-7).
- C. The word of wisdom is mainly out of our spirit through revelation, and the word of knowledge is mainly out of our understanding through teaching; the former is deeper than the latter.
- D. However, both of these, not speaking in tongues nor any other miraculous gift, are listed as the first gifts and the topmost manifestation of the Spirit because both are the most profitable ministries, or services, for the edification of the saints and the building up of the church to carry out God's operation.

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Gen. And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion ...over all the earth...

Heb. God, having spoken of old in many portions and in 1:1-2 many ways to the fathers in the prophets, has at the last of these days spoken to us in the Son...

God is a speaking God. He created the universe and continues to do all things through His speaking. Therefore, everyone who has been saved and who has His life should learn to speak for Him and to speak His word.

The greatest mystery in the universe is God.... This mystery is opened and revealed to us in His Word. Hebrews 1 tells us that our God is a speaking God (vv. 1-2). The speaking of the human race came from His creation. He is a speaking God, and He is also the Word. (*Speaking for God*, p. 41)

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God's desire... is that man speak for Him. This matter sounds easy to understand, but it contains a biblical mystery. God shows us clearly in the Bible that His purpose in creating man was that man might speak for Him. Genesis 1:26 says, "God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness." This was spoken during a council of the Divine Trinity to determine how to create man. The result was that God made man in His image.

Since God is a speaking God, when He created man in His image, He created man with the ability to speak, just like Himself.

Why is it that we human beings are able to speak? It is because we are God's representatives. He created us that we might represent Him. The most important requirement of a representative is that he must be able to speak. If today someone sends a representative to us, yet this representative... is not able to talk, then in the end no agreement can be reached since there is no possibility of having any discussion. This kind of representative is a useless representative. Today we can represent God because we can speak. ... We can speak because we are like God.

God created man with two outstanding features: one is that He created a spirit within man, and the other is that He created a speaking organ for man.

As God's representatives, we represent God; therefore, we must speak God's words. We have to speak for God and speak forth God; this God is the word.

After being regenerated in our spirit, we, the saved ones, are the children of God. As such, when we open our mouth, it ought to be God speaking; we speak whatever God speaks.

Since we were born of God, naturally we speak God's words. Since God's word is God Himself, when we speak God's word, we speak God.

The New Testament shows us that God wants us, the saved ones, to prophesy as prophets (1 Cor. 14:31). To prophesy is to speak the word of God instead of the word of demons or the word of man. The word of God is just God Himself; when we prophesy by speaking, we speak the word of God. Concerning this matter, Paul in the New Testament and Moses in the Old Testament (Num. 11:29) were in agreement. In 1 Corinthians 14:31 Paul said, "You can all prophesy one by one." Paul believed that every one of us can speak for God. The word *can* has two interpretations in Bible translation. The Chinese Union Version translates it into *may*. That everyone may prophesy means that everyone has the right, though not necessarily the ability, to prophesy. The Greek word has both meanings: *all may* and *all can*. Today as prophets, you and I, the saved ones, not only may but also can prophesy and speak for God.

It is very likely that Paul's concept came from Moses, because Paul... must have been familiar with what Moses had said in Numbers 11:29, "Oh that all Jehovah's people were prophets!..." Therefore, we see that this concept is consistent in both the Old and New Testaments—God wants His people to speak for Him. (*Speaking for God*, pp. 41-42, 43, 45, 47-48, 50)

Further Reading: Speaking for God, chs. 3-4

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Psa. My heart overflows with a good matter; I speak what
45:1 I have composed concerning the King. My tongue is
the pen of a ready writer.

Matt. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this
16:18 rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades
shall not prevail against it.

1 Cor. ...He who prophesies builds up the church.
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[Psalm 45:1-8 is] the praise of Christ the King from four directions: His fairness (v. 2), His victory (vv. 3-5), His kingdom (vv. 6-7), and His virtues (v. 8). In this praise there are two balanced pairs: Christ's fairness and His victory, and Christ's kingdom and His virtues. Christ's fairness is balanced by His victory with its requirements (cf. Matt. 5:20; 25:14-30; John 15:2, 6), and His kingdom, the issue of His victory, is balanced by the sweetness of His virtues. (Psalm 45:1, footnote 1)

If we have an affectionate love for the Lord Jesus, our tongue will be the pen of a ready writer, ready to write our love and our praise. (footnote 2)

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For the God-ordained way, the biblical way, the new way, we all need, first of all, to love the Lord. In John 21 the Lord asked Peter if he loved Him. Peter told the Lord, "You know that I love You." Then the Lord answered, "Feed My lambs" and "Feed My sheep" (vv. 15, 17). To speak is not only to edify or to teach but also to feed the lambs and to feed the sheep. If we are going to feed the Lord's sheep, we have to speak. Without speaking, how could we feed any Christian? For us to feed the Lord's sheep, we must love Him. We should tell the Lord, "Lord, I love You, so I like to speak You forth to others." The more that we love Him, the more we are qualified, equipped, and even perfected to speak.

If we love the Lord, we surely will be filled with Him. Whatever fills us within will come out of us. The overflow comes from the infilling. When we love the Lord, He will fill us. From that day in 1925 when I gave my life to the Lord, I loved to study the Bible and

to talk to people about Jesus. Because I was filled with the Lord Jesus, I wanted to speak the Lord Jesus. If we are filled with the Lord Jesus, we surely will have something to pour out. If the sisters love the Lord, they will not be able to restrain themselves from speaking forth the Lord. When we love the Lord to the uttermost, we must speak. We must release the One who has filled us within.

As we are loving the Lord, we will be revived. According to the book of Revelation, both the church in Sardis and the church in Laodicea were backsliding churches (3:1-2, 15-17). The Lord Jesus said to Sardis, "You have a name that you are living, and you are dead." Whatever the church in Sardis had was not growing but dying. They needed to repent. They needed a revival. Laodicea had become lukewarm. Because the saints of Laodicea were neither hot nor cold but lukewarm, the Lord was about to vomit them out of His mouth. They needed to repent. They needed a revival. The churches in the Lord's recovery need a revival to be brought out of such a lukewarm and dying situation.

If we are going to set up a denomination, we do not need a revival. But to have a local church in the Lord's recovery that is living and prevailing with everyone speaking, we all need to be revived.

Then we need to live a victorious life to overcome sin, to overcome the world, to overcome ourselves, to overcome our flesh, and even to overcome our quarreling with our spouse. The wives and the husbands among us may not be so one. Many couples may not have prayed together for three years. This is the situation that really needs a revival that we may live a victorious life. In each of the seven epistles to the seven churches in Revelation 2 and 3, the closing word is that we have to overcome (2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 20-21). We need an overcoming life. (*Speaking Christ for the Building Up of the Body of Christ*, pp. 33-35)

Further Reading: Life-study of Ephesians, msg. 84; *Prophesying in the Church Meetings for the Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ (Outlines)*, outline 1, pp. 10-11

Enlightenment and inspiration:

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1 John If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet
1:6 walk in the darkness, we lie and are not practicing
the truth.

Psa. 119:147-148 I anticipated the dawn and cried out; I hoped in Your
words. My eyes anticipated the night watches, that I
might muse upon Your word.

We also must abide in the fellowship with the Lord daily and hourly (1 John 1:6; 2 Cor. 13:14)... If I were not such a person, it would be hard for me to speak in the Lord's ministry. My speaking depends upon my continual and present fellowship with the Lord. Why can we not speak in the meetings? Maybe we have been absent from the Lord's fellowship for three days because we had a quarrel with our spouse... If we are going to speak for the Lord, we have to recover our fellowship with Him by confessing our sin and by making an apology to our spouse. We must remain, abide, in the constant and continual fellowship with the Lord. This is a strong demand.

We must also be praying persons. We should pray unceasingly all the day long. This means that we have to call on His name. We need to call, "O Lord." Do not think that such a short calling means nothing. It means a lot. While we are working in an office, teaching a class, or doing any task, we can call, "O Lord Jesus." Such a short calling means a lot to our Christian life. By calling on the name of the Lord, we can pray unceasingly. For us to be the speaking ones in our meetings we must be praying persons. (*Speaking Christ for the Building Up of the Body of Christ*, pp. 35-36)

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We also must enjoy the Lord in the Word every day early in the morning to have a new start of each day (Psa. 119:147-148). According to God's principle in His creation, He ordained to have a new year, a new month or a new moon, and a new day. Within every year we can have three hundred sixty-five new starts. If we failed for three hundred sixty-four days, we still have one more opportunity to have a successful day. We may have failed today, but thank the Lord tomorrow is still here waiting for us.... There

is a new chance for us to have a new start and be renewed.

We also must learn to walk by and according to our spirit mingled with the Spirit (Gal. 5:16; Rom. 8:4). Praise the Lord that we have a spirit and that our spirit is mingled with the divine Spirit! What a provision! Our God has created us with a spirit and has even regenerated our spirit. Immediately after regenerating us, He stays with us as the Spirit to be one with us and even to mingle Himself with us as one spirit (1 Cor. 6:17). Now we have such a mingled spirit. After having a good start in the morning, we should continue to walk, to live, to do everything by this mingled spirit and with this mingled spirit all day long. We must learn to practice this.

We must live Christ for His magnification by the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, and this bountiful supply is right within us (Phil. 1:19-21; Gal. 2:20)... First, we have His Word in our hand. Second, we have the Holy Spirit, who is the bountiful Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, living in us, in our spirit, which has been regenerated and strengthened. We have such a provision, and we can live Christ by this divine provision. If we are such persons, we will surely have something to speak when we come to the meeting.

The Lord desires to recover a meeting with all the members speaking to function. But this depends upon our Christian walk. We must love the Lord, we must be revived, and we must live a victorious life. We must abide in the fellowship with the Lord daily and hourly, and we must be praying persons. We must enjoy the Lord in the Word early in the morning to have a new start of each day. We must walk and have our being by and according to the mingled spirit, and we must live Christ. If we are such persons day after day and throughout each day, we will be ready to speak in the meetings. Something of Christ will always be bubbling out of us. The Spirit will become a flow out from our innermost being to flow out all the riches of Christ by the Spirit (John 7:37-39). (*Speaking Christ for the Building Up of the Body of Christ*, pp. 36-39)

Further Reading: Speaking Christ for the Building Up of the Body of Christ, ch. 3

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Morning Nourishment

2 Tim. Proclaim the word; be ready in season and out of season; convict, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and teaching.

Acts Because of this I also exercise myself to always have a conscience without offense toward God and men.

In order to enrich and enliven our meetings, we must learn how to speak the word of the Lord in the Scriptures. We must learn to speak and not just read the word. We must also learn to have a corporate speaking of the word in our meetings... Everyone in the meeting should exercise his spirit and pay much attention to speaking and listening. When one speaks, the others should listen. When we have the speaking that utters and releases the holy word, the riches of God's word will be prevailing to touch all the attendants. We must practice this.

In order to be speaking ones in our meetings, we should be people with a proper character. Without a proper living, our speaking will have no backing. Our daily living, our character, what we are, is the real backing of our speaking... [We need to see a number of points concerning the kind of persons we need to be so that we can be the proper speaking ones. (*Speaking Christ for the Building Up of the Body of Christ*, p. 41)]

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We need to be those who speak Christ to all kinds of people daily in season and out of season (Acts 5:42; 8:4; 2 Tim. 4:2). We should speak Christ to people from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation (Rev. 5:9). In Mark 16:15 the Lord Jesus charged us to preach the gospel to all the creation. This indicates that we should pick up the burden for the preaching of the gospel to such an extent that we would speak to whatever is around us. We should speak to the mountains, the trees, the rivers, the animals, and the entire creation. If we practice this, we will become exercised in speaking. This will strengthen us to speak with power.

We also must be ones who deal with our sins thoroughly (1 John 1:9). We must be sin-dealing people. We should not tolerate sin in

any way... We pick up the germs of sins, of trespasses, throughout the day, so we have to learn to wash ourselves by confessing all of our faults, shortcomings, wrongdoings, and trespasses.

We must have such a clearance within us if we are going to speak in the meetings or even if we are going to speak the gospel to anyone. Otherwise, our speaking will not be adequate or prevailing. When we do not have a clearance within our conscience in our fellowship with the Lord, our speaking will be reluctant. We will not have the full boldness because our conscience has been polluted... Paul said, "I... exercise myself to always have a conscience without offense toward God and men" (Acts 24:16). We must keep our conscience from all kinds of offenses... A conscience without offense is a conscience of clearance. When we have such a conscience, we can speak not only to the Lord but also to the unbelieving sinners with boldness... Regardless of whom we speak to, as long as we are speaking the word of God, Christ, or the gospel, we need a cleared conscience. In order for us to learn to speak in the meetings, we must get ourselves cleared up and preserved in a clear condition. We must deal with our sins thoroughly.

Furthermore, we need to be filled with the Spirit inwardly (Acts 13:52; Eph. 5:18). We need the essential filling of the essential aspect of the Spirit. The Spirit in its essential aspect, the Spirit of essence, the Spirit of life, is for our being, our life, our living, our existence. We have to be filled essentially in our inward being with such a Spirit... To be filled with the Spirit outwardly is the economical aspect of the Spirit (Acts 4:31, 8; 13:9). It is the economical filling of the economical Spirit. We must have the Spirit of power economically for our work, for our doing, for our moving. We all need to be filled with the Spirit in His two aspects—we need to be filled inwardly so that we are full of life and filled outwardly so that we are full of power and authority. (*Speaking Christ for the Building Up of the Body of Christ*, pp. 41-45)

Further Reading: Speaking Christ for the Building Up of the Body of Christ, ch. 4

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Col. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to God.

1 Cor. What then, brothers? Whenever you come together, 14:26 each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.

In order to be the speaking ones in our meetings, we must also accumulate the experiences of Christ. From Philippians 3:8-10 and 12-14, we can see that Paul was accumulating the experiences of Christ day after day... Before he was saved, Paul persecuted Christ. After being saved, Paul continued to persecute Christ in a positive sense. He would not let the Lord go; he pursued Christ to the uttermost. Because he sought after Christ in such a way, he accumulated the experiences of Christ continually... This is why Paul had so much to say about Christ.

We also must keep a rich storage of the Lord's word (Col. 3:16; John 15:7; 1 John 2:14). If we would just practice to pray-read two to four verses from the Word every morning, and we do this week after week and month after month, we will gain a rich storage of the living word. The word will not just be in our memory, but it will be something stored within us... The riches of Christ are embodied in the holy Word. This is what makes the Bible different from all the other books... We have the same experience whenever we read the publications of the ministry that expound the Bible in the way of life. (*Speaking Christ for the Building Up of the Body of Christ*, pp. 47-48)

Today's Reading

The speaking ones in our meetings must know some of the hymns on Christ, the Spirit, the church, life, etc. in our hymnal (1 Cor. 14:26; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). If we want to know the hymnal, we must spend some time to get into the table of contents of our hymnal. The hymns are divided into thirty major categories arranged in a proper sequence according to the truth. Each major

category has a number of subcategories... We have to learn to use the hymns firstly for speaking. Singing the hymns is not as important as speaking them. We have discovered in the Word and in our experience that speaking a hymn is much more important and profitable than singing it. *Hymns*, #501—"O glorious Christ, Savior mine"—and hymn #539—"O Lord, Thou art the Spirit!"—are... excellent hymns that we should know and learn to speak. We must endeavor to learn a number of the crucial hymns in our hymnal.

We all have to desperately endeavor to build up a habit of speaking in any meeting (1 Cor. 14:26, 4-5, 12, 31)... This habit has to be built up universally in the Lord's recovery. We do not have such a habit due to the background of Christianity, and our function has been killed because of this background. Many Chinese people do not speak English well because they did not have the habit of speaking English when they grew up, and they still do not have this habit. I did not pick up the habit of speaking English until I began to minister the word in the United States in 1962. It was hard for me to acquire this habit, but for my grandchildren it was easy because they grew up in an English-speaking environment. If we learn to build up a habit of speaking in any meeting, our children, the new ones, will spontaneously become speaking ones. The new ones will follow the trend and the atmosphere in the meeting. They will pick up the habit of speaking easily. We must endeavor to do this because it is not just for ourselves but for the benefit of the Lord's recovery.

We should always have something to speak in all the meetings as a freewill offering to God and to the audience (1 Cor. 14:26 and footnote 1). In all our meetings we should not speak merely out of being forced or compelled to speak. Our speaking should be an offering of our free will to God for His glory and satisfaction and to the attendants for their enlightening, nourishing, and building up. (*Speaking Christ for the Building Up of the Body of Christ*, pp. 49-52)

Further Reading: Prophecy in the Church Meetings for the Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ (Outlines), outline 8, pp. 51-54

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John And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among
1:14 us...full of grace and reality.
Acts ...They did not cease teaching and announcing the
5:42 gospel of Jesus as the Christ.
1 Cor. For to one through the Spirit a word of wisdom is
12:8 given, and to another a word of knowledge, accord-
 ing to the same Spirit.

There are ten major categories of the word of God... First, the word of grace and the word of truth are a pair. Second, the word of the gospel and the word of life are another pair. Third, the healthy word and the building-up word are also a pair. The good word and the word of righteousness are the fourth pair, and the word of knowledge and the word of wisdom are the final pair. Altogether these constitute ten categories of the word of God. To speak the word of God to people is to speak these ten major categories of the word. (*Everyone Speaking the Word of God*, pp. 32-33)

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The Lord Jesus is the Word of God [John 1:1, 14]... [Footnote 5 on verse 14 and footnote 1 on verse 17] explain clearly that grace is God coming to be enjoyed by us. The Lord Jesus is God. When He became flesh, He brought God to man, and the God whom He brought is grace. When God is enjoyed by us, He is grace. At the same time, when this God is realized by us, He is reality, which is the proper meaning of the word *truth*. The word *truth* in Greek means "reality." God is grace and God is reality. When God is enjoyed by us, He is grace, and when God is realized by us, He is reality.

The third category is the word of the gospel. The gospel is the Lord Jesus Himself [Acts 5:42]... Romans 1:1 and 3 speak of "the gospel... concerning His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." Thus the gospel is the Son of God. Therefore, to speak the word of the gospel is to speak the Lord Jesus. The more we speak the Lord Jesus, the more we speak the word of the gospel... One of the major points of the gospel is life... The Word of life [in 1 John 1:1] denotes the Lord Jesus.

Now we come to the healthy word. Some words are not healthy,

but all healthy words contain life, and health pertains to life... If you desire to speak healthy words, you must have life. Healthy words surely are words with life... Furthermore, we must speak words that build up people. Ephesians 4:29 says, "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but only that which is good for building up, according to the need, that it may give grace to those who hear." Grace is God Himself. Words which contain God are good words, and they will build up people.

The book of Hebrews speaks of... the good word and the word of righteousness (6:5; 5:13)... Paul advised the Hebrew believers not to remain in the good word but to go forward to the word of righteousness. He likened the good word to milk and the word of righteousness to solid food.

You can all differentiate between the word of knowledge and the word of wisdom... [1 Cor. 12:8]. The deeper and higher word is the word of wisdom; the shallower and lower word is the word of knowledge. The words written by Paul in 1 Corinthians chapter one are somewhat general; thus they are the word of knowledge... However, in chapter two Paul said, "But we do speak wisdom... God's wisdom in a mystery, the wisdom which has been hidden, which God predestined before the ages for our glory" (vv. 6-7). This is deep. This wisdom is the deep and mysterious things of Christ, which are also the deep and mysterious things of God (v. 10). In chapter three Paul speaks on the deep and mysterious things... These words seem shallow and easy to understand, but their meaning is very deep. These are words of wisdom. However, to speak concerning the crucifixion of Jesus... and concerning the fact that we all are sinners—these are words of knowledge. But whenever life is mentioned, that is something deep and mysterious... In 6:17 Paul said that we the believers have become one spirit with the Lord; this is very difficult to speak about, and this is not shallow or easy to understand. We need to labor properly upon words such as these. (*Everyone Speaking the Word of God*, pp. 33-37)

Further Reading: Everyone Speaking the Word of God, chs. 3-4

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