

CALLED TO RULE

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All believers were called in Christ to rule and not to be ruled. Slavery is the result of sin. Sickness, disease, poverty, frustration, oppression, death, and insecurity are the result of the fall of man into sin. When a man is in Christ, he is completely delivered from the dominion of sin and Satan and enthroned to reign in life. It is the desire of God that man assume his position of dominion on the earth as He planned it from the beginning.

1. Man was created for dominion

Gen 1:26-28

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

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Why did God create man? So that man will rule, and have dominion over all that God has created on the earth - the fish of the sea, the animals on the ground, the livestock and over everything that creeps upon the earth. In other words we were created basically to take charge on earth; we were created to administer God's estate. I want you to understand this, so that you can understand what Jesus meant when He said "occupy till I come". When God created man, He created man with this intention in mind that we may represent Him, rule over all that He has created, be managers, stewards, and govern all His creation. If someone opened a company and asked you to manage the company for him, it means that you are in charge of it, and you will also stand between him and the people that work under you in that company. It means you will give account to him. It also means you will determine what happens in that company, because you have been given the power of attorney to manage it. You will tell him what your plans are and the things you need and he will give his approval and let you do your job. It is what you tell him, that he will listen to. You need to understand that when God created man, this was His intention, not that man should be a slave, or should be ruled over by all He has created, but, to rule over them.

2. The believer was redeemed to have dominion

In Christ through redemption, the believer received authority to dominate his world - decide what happens in his life affairs.

Rom 5:17

17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

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Rev 5:10

10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

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It is with the mouth we rule our world

John 14:12-14

12 I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

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Prov 18:20-21

20 From the fruit of his mouth a man's stomach is filled; with the harvest from his lips he is satisfied. 21 The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

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Matt 12:36-37

36 But I tell you that men will have to give account on the Day of Judgment for every careless word they have spoken. 37 For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

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HOW?

- By calling into existence the things that are not.
- By speaking into existence what the word of God says.
- By speaking in faith which is the evidence of things not seen, the assurance of things hoped for.
- By seeing with the eyes of faith as real and existing that which does not presently exist.

Mark 11:22-24

22 "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. 23 "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. 24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

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Prov 12:14

14 From the fruit of his lips a man is filled with good things as surely as the work of his hands rewards him.

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- Train yourself to speak only what is true in accordance with the word of God.
- Speak only what you want to see and not what you are seeing that you don't want.
- Stop talking anyhow. Speak wisely. Choose your words carefully bearing in mind that what you say will bring back a harvest into your life.
- Don't be a talkative, for a talkative usually say wrong things that he never wish to see materialize in his live.
- There is power of life and death in the tongue. It is what you say that determines the power that is activated to work for you.
- We rule by the words of authority that we speak. Consistently say what you want to see in your life, especially as unpleasant things happen.

YOUR THOUGHTS GIVE BIRTH TO YOUR WORDS

To speak the right words you have to think the right thing. We all talk the way we think. What you think and how you think determines what you say and how you say it.

Matt 12:34-35

34 You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.

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FOUR WARNINGS

- a.** Guard your tongue that you may preserve your life.

Prov 13:3

3 He who guards his lips guards his life, but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin.

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- b.** Guard your tongue lest you wound and hurt another and in the end make enemies.

Prov 12:18-19

18 Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. 19 Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.

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Prov 15:14

14 The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly.

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Prov 25:23

23 As a north wind brings rain, so a sly tongue brings angry looks.

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- c. Guard your tongue that you may not sin with it.

Prov 10:19

19 When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.

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Matt 12:36

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- Don't be a talkative.

- d. Guard your tongue that you may not be ensnared by the words of your lips.

Num 14:26-35

*26 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron: 27 "How long this will wicked community grumble against me? I have heard the complaints of these grumbling Israelites. 28 So tell them, **'As surely as I live, declares the LORD, I will do to you the very things I heard you say:** 29 In this desert your bodies will fall--every one of you twenty years old or more who was counted in the census and who has grumbled against me. 30 Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun. 31 As for your children that you said would be taken as plunder, I will bring them in to enjoy the land you have rejected. 32 But you--your bodies will fall in this desert. 33 Your children will be shepherds here for forty years, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your bodies lies in the desert. 34 For forty years--one year for each of the forty days you explored the land--you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.' 35 I, the LORD, have spoken, and I will surely do these things to this whole wicked community, which has banded together against me. They will meet their end in this desert; here they will die."*

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Prov 6:1-5

My son, if you have put up security for your neighbor, if you have struck hands in pledge for another, 2 if you have been trapped by what you said, ensnared by the words of your

mouth, 3 then do this, my son, to free yourself, since you have fallen into your neighbor's hands: Go and humble yourself; press your plea with your neighbor! 4 Allow no sleep to your eyes, no slumber to your eyelids. 5 Free yourself, like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like a bird from the snare of the fowler.

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- Be careful about promises and pledges.

CONCLUSION

Having understood that we rule through what we say, then, we need to be careful what we say and how we say it. Choose carefully the words of your mouth especially when things are not happening the way you want it. Do not say what you don't want to see come to pass in your life or the life of your loved ones. Say only what you want to see. Say what God has said and is saying. Keep saying it and soon, you will have it. You can move your mountains as the Lord told us through speaking to it in faith without doubt. You can change your condition with your mouth. You can bring into your life what you want to see with your mouth. Speak with authority and your condition will change to match the words you have spoken.