

What to do when hurtful words come against you!

This is a powerful teaching about the importance of using our faith and the Word of God to protect ourselves from hurtful words and spiritual attacks. Let's break it down and explore these concepts further:

Matthew 5:44-48 (AMP)

Jesus calls us to a higher standard of love, urging us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. This reflects our identity as children of God, showing His love through our actions. Loving those who love us is easy; true spiritual maturity and godliness are displayed when we extend love to our enemies.

Ephesians 6:12 (RSV)

We must recognize that our true battle is not against people but against spiritual forces of evil. This understanding helps us to direct our spiritual defenses appropriately.

Ephesians 6:16 (RSV)

The shield of faith is crucial in our spiritual armor. It protects us from the fiery darts of the evil one—those hurtful words and attacks aimed at us. By holding up our shield of faith, we can extinguish these attacks and protect our hearts and minds.

Resisting the Devil

When we resist the devil with our shield of faith, we do so in the name of Jesus, affirming our trust and reliance on Him.

James 4:7 (RSV)

Submitting to God and resisting the devil will cause the devil to flee. This submission involves aligning ourselves with God's will and standing firm in our faith.

Spiritual Missiles

It's important to reflect on whether the enemy is using us to harm others with our words. We are called to build each other up and speak life into situations, not be instruments of harm.

Speaking Life and Faith

Hebrews 11:1

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Speaking life means declaring our faith and trust in God's promises, even when we cannot see the outcome.

Proverbs 18:21 (RSV)

Our words carry the power of life and death. By choosing to speak life, we align ourselves with God's will and bring His blessings into our lives.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (RSV)

God gives us the choice between life and death, blessings and curses. Choosing life involves loving God, obeying His voice, and holding fast to Him. This choice affects not only our lives but also the lives of our descendants.

Confession and Belief

Romans 10:10 (RSV)

Belief in our hearts and **confession** with our lips are both necessary for salvation and victory. By declaring our faith, we activate God's promises in our lives.

Avoiding Negative Speech

Proverbs 6:2 (AMP)

Our words can trap us or set us free. Speaking words of life and faith in Jesus' name ensures that we remain free from any negative consequences or traps set by our own speech.

By holding fast to these principles, we can effectively use our shield of faith to protect ourselves, resist the enemy, and speak life into our situations, thereby walking in the victory and freedom that God has provided for us.

Love Your Enemies and Use the Shield of Faith Daily!

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