

Lawyers are sometimes called someone's "Mouth Piece", because they speak on someone's behalf. Today's word is called "God's Mouth Piece", because you and I are often commanded to speak for the Lord. The lawyer uses his knowledge of legal terms to represent his clientele. You and I must use our Lord's own words to speak to this dark and dying world. Then, we become God's Mouth Piece! Sometimes we are commanded to speak just a few words, and other times, we are placed in dangerous places, where we could even face death, nevertheless, we are expected to share what God has placed in our hearts. The command then becomes, <u>Be not afraid</u>, — <u>but speak</u>, and <u>hold not thy peace</u>.

Acts 18:8-10 And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized. (9) <u>Then spake the</u> Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, <u>Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace</u>: (10) <u>For I am with thee</u>, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

Sometimes, fear will cause us to shrink away from our assignment. We become afraid of what "<u>might</u>" happen to us, to our families or to our things. Fear is an awful thing, and fear is not from God!

2 Timothy 1:6-8 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. (7) For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. (8) Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

Anytime that the spirit of fear is around, God is not at its source. If God didn't send it, then it must be coming from Satan. Listen to what God has to say to the Prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 1:4-9 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, (5) Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. (6) Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. (7) But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. (8) Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD. (9) Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

Jeremiah 1:17 Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: **be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them**.

Being a spokesperson for the Load is an awesome responsibility. At times, it can have some danger, **but** it also has rewards! There are 5 things that we need to know in order to represent the Lord!:

- 1) We must not be afraid. As we seen above, there is no place for fear in the life of God's People Acts 18:9 "... <u>Be not afraid</u> ,..." "Fear and Faith will not operate at the same time"
- 2) We must be found faithful. If we are going to be good stewards of God's word, we must be faithful to Jesus.

1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

- 3) We must be obedient. We only have one Lord, and it is to Him that we must be obedient. Luke 6:46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?
- 4) We must be on topic. A person who speaks for Jesus, must stay on the subject assigned to him by the Lord. — Jeremiah 1:17 "... speak unto them all that I command thee ..." John 2:5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do *it*.
- 5) We must be on time. Any person that God uses, must deliver His message when and at the time that God sends him. Jeremiah 1:17 "... arise, (now) and speak unto them all that I command thee ..."

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