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VESSELS OF HONOR by Carol Gordon

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life."¹

I have been taught for years that the Word of God is powerful. A favorite Scripture is Hebrews 4.12, **"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a Discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart"**. I have studied and meditated on this and received a good deal of revelation.

Even so, the things we have learned the last few months about the working of the human spirit has opened up new realities. The reality of the spirit realm is so much clearer. It is not just "supernatural", it is far superior and IS the reality where we will live forever.

Because our life and identity flow from the Spirit, it is essential to keep our hearts pure! **"Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth, And put perverse lips far from you. Let your eyes look straight ahead, And your eyelids look right before you. Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established. Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil."**²

The use of our words is primary. One key to checking if our words are in line with the song of heaven is to measure how much honor they hold. We should honor Father and His creation in everything we speak. As we are full of His joy as we go about our day, people will be receptive of our positive words. Negative words are always in agreement with the enemies plan to dishonor and divide. Everyone we meet should be blessed by the way we speak to them. Strangers, superiors, co-workers, friends, and family should all be treated and spoken to as though they were priceless treasures. As indeed they are, for our Lord gave His life for them. We can always find a way to honor each one we speak to!

The critical point is taking responsibility for speaking with honor. It is far easier to just blab out our thoughts or feelings. We are building our life with the words we speak. If we say things that tear down our own or another's hopes and dreams, we are held responsible for that. How much better to encourage and lift up!

A fundamental law of life is "cause and effect". **"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap."**³ If we refuse to take responsibility for our words, we have only ourselves to blame for the consequences.

Once we grasp how Father's system works, we can choose words that bring blessing. **"These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned"**.⁴ We are to be different from the world and the way we speak is the way we are readily identified. Have you ever been out of your home area and been told you talk "funny"? So we are supposed to be glad if someone notices that we do not talk as others do.

Again, I want to repeat the idea that we are either building our own life, or tearing it down, by the words we speak. One led by the spirit, will make good decisions, say things that affirm other's worth, and ring out the praises of the Lord. Their joy will run over, because they can trust in the Lord.

A person who speaks vain, idle, or profane words is destroying the world he lives in. "Profane" means to "bore a hole, break your word, or make an opening wedge to divide". It is easy to see that we destroy each other with cursing and spiteful words.

How do we want to employ the precious gift of the ability to speak? It is entirely in our hands. We can speak blessings and bring healing to everyone around us!

1 - John 6:63 2 - Prov 4:23-27 3 - Gal 6:7
4 - 1 Cor 2:13-14

(All Scripture references are from the New King James Version unless otherwise noted)



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THE NEW HEART BEAT NEWSLETTER

We are excited about rolling out the new Heart Beat newsletter format for 2008. But it's not just a new format, it is a totally new approach. We are now seeking to provide our partners with a much more high quality newsletter, to be a true resource for personal transformation. We will be sending out the Heart Beat every month to everyone on the mailing list. One of the ways we are funding this is by our new Radio Sponsorship Program. We are on KTOK every week, the "original" and largest talk radio station in Oklahoma. Plus our current newsletter circulation is 1,000, so if you want to help sponsor Heart Menders and promote your business at the same time, be sure to call me at (405) 495-HOPE. Thanks & God bless! – Steve Gordon

"HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS" UPDATE

Our new outreach ministry, "Hope for the Hopeless" (H4H), has been growing and expanding. Here is a list of our current projects:

- The OKC Faith-Based Social Services Directory
- The "No Promises" Project for Prisoner Re-entry in OKC
- The OKC Storehouse Project
- Plans to open a "used furniture thrift store" in urban OKC

There is so much LIFE in this ministry. Please visit our website at www.H4Hweb.org to read more. And you can see current updates at our blog, www.H4Hweb.blogspot.com.

"HEART MENTORS" UPDATE

Our Monday night men's ministry is now in its sixth year – praise the Lord for His faithfulness. We meet at Steve's house at 6:15 for dinner (please call ahead at 405-615-6648 to RSVP) and then have prayer and sharing at 7:00. All men are welcome, but especially those that are hurting.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

We're kicking into high gear our efforts to have Heart Menders be well-funded and a ministry of excellence. We need four businesses to sponsor our Radio Program. Call (405) 495-HOPE to help.

NEWS AND NOTES

Dearest Friends and Partners:

I hope you enjoyed the article on "Sound" last month. I have had so many confirmations that this is an important word just now.

We are seeing new strategies for taking the Healing of Hearts to our community. I am learning to be more passionate about what the Lord has in His heart and in imparting to mine. I have not been an intense person, since I was healed of being "high strung". Content to be where I was. Now I find I have to shift again, in a good way.

I have attended a number of events at our State Capitol recently. I know I am to pray for governmental issues.

Our new website is up. I hope you will enjoy it. I think Steve is adding to it every day. Some of it has changed. We would welcome your comments. We are working toward having some items you can download.

Again I urge you to be on one of our Prayer Teams:

- **Prayer Requests for Needs**
- **Prayer for me and Heart Menders**
- **Prayer for the Radio Ministry**

Sign up for one of them by e-mailing me at carolgordon@heartmenders.org.

We are so grateful to our financial partners! You are greatly appreciated. Your faithful gifts, large or small, help us reach out to a broken world. The Lord is our Needs-meeter" but He wants to involve you in the blessing! Thanks again for your support!

Our purpose is to address our culture with the message of wholeness in the Lord. Please keep praying for HEART MENDERS, Heart MENTors (the men's ministry), and HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS. Lot of opportunities opening up. It is a pleasure to pray for you regularly. Please keep praying, "LORD, HELP CAROL FULFILL THE CALL ON HER LIFE."

Your sister in Him,

Carol Gordon

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