

Stephens, GregSpeak the Word

10. The Authority Is In Your Mouth

Copeland argues that the authority believers have in Christ does not work automatically—it has to be spoken and acted on. Using healing testimonies from Jamaica, Panama, and Harlem, he shows that miracles follow when people believe and confess God's WORD out loud. The chapter's core claim: command authority is exercised by saying, not by thinking or waiting.

Key takeaways

- Knowing your authority isn't enough; you must use it. Passively waiting for a preacher to lay hands on you, or accepting sickness as 'God teaching you something,' forfeits it.
- Sickness is never the teacher of the Church—the Holy Spirit is. Jesus healed everyone who came to Him, so it is always God's will to heal.
- You receive from God the same way you got born again: believe His WORD in your heart, confess it with your mouth.
- Authority must be spoken. A command only thought and never voiced is 'stillborn'—even God created by speaking, not just thinking.

- Don't overreach: we have no dominion over other people. Pray for those in authority, not against them; binding or cursing officials is 'Christian witchcraft.'
- When you stand in Jesus' Name, God sees Jesus and the devil sees God's armor—so the enemy flees in terror.
- Adam had authority and refused to use it, then blamed God. Believers have far more—Calvary, the blood, the Name—and can succeed where he failed.

Passages worth keeping

“Our authority is in our mouth!”

The chapter's central thesis—power is released by speaking the WORD, not thinking it.

“Command authority is exercised by saying, not by thinking.”

Draws the line between passive faith and spoken faith that actually works.

How it connects

The chapter ties Genesis 1 (God creating by speech) to Mark 11:23 (believers moving mountains by speech): the same creative, spoken authority God used is now invested in the born-again believer through Christ.

Scripture referenced

- **Mark 11:23** -- You have whatever you say—faith is spoken to the mountain, not merely thought.
- **Romans 10:10** -- Believe in the heart, confess with the mouth—the mechanism for receiving from God.
- **Genesis 3:12** -- Adam blames God instead of using the authority he'd been given.
- **Acts 10:38** -- Jesus healed all oppressed by the devil—so sickness comes from the enemy, not God.
- **Mark 16:17-18** -- Believers are commissioned to lay hands on the sick; they will recover.
- **James 4:7** -- Resist the devil and he flees—Greek 'flee' means to run in terror.