POWER WORDS

Part 4: I Am

THE DOUBLE EDGE SWORD OF I AM

A. When it works against us

- 1. Identifying with our weak areas
- 2. Identifying with our fears
- 3. Maybe the worst when we identify with the negatives

B. I am works for us when we stay on the positive side

1. I am strong, I am not a fearful person, I am a blessing

C. Scriptural principle - our words as helping us or hurting us

- 1. Hurting words seem to come to us easier
- 2. What if we used our words intentionally to strengthen us (Job 16:5 NKJV)
- 3. Any area we want to get stronger in, we need to practice, develop

JOHN THE BAPTIST A STRONG IDENTITY EXAMPLE

A. John had some advantages

- 1. He had a supernatural birth
- 2. The Holy Spirit was active in his life
- 3. He grew up in a home where scriptures were important

B. John answers some important questions (John 1:19-23 NKJV)

- 1. He knew who he was not
- 2. He did declare "I am the voice ..." He found who he was in the scripture and said that exact thing

DECLARING WHO WE ARE (FOLLOWING JOHN'S MODEL)

A. We have spiritual advantages

- 1. A supernatural birth
- 2. The help of the Holy Spirit
- 3. Access to scriptures

B. We can also use scriptures to strengthen our lives

- 1. We speak from our relationship with Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV)
- 2. Because of our relationship with Him we can appeal to a higher truth

C. Because of Christ I am...

- 1. Accepted by God (Ephesians 1:6-7 NKJV)
- 2. Forgiven of my sins
- 3. Created for good things (Ephesians 2:10 NKJV)