

## TWISTING SCRIPTURE Pt. 3: I CREATE the FRUIT of the LIPS, LET the WEAK SAY I AM STRONG

For the past few weeks I've been breaking down one of John Olsteen's false teachings about "confessing" God's word under the guise that – that's the way you say the same thing God says. When you look at it for what it really is, it is the new age teaching of the law of attraction. They just dressed it up with the idea that you find a Scripture about what it is you want and then you start saying that Scripture under the false idea that this is how you agree with God. And the idea is that you do this and then God must manifest whatever you've been speaking. That is utter nonsense.

Let's listen to some more of John's false teaching:

\*Please play from 12:11 to 12:58 and from 15:05 to 15:18 - John Olsteen false teaching about speaking out scripture. STOP

He says did you know the Bible says "I create the fruit of the lips." What are you saying about your children? What are you saying about your business? What are you saying about your marriage? What are you saying about the situation? What are you saying? You create havoc or you can create peace with your mouth. He gives an example of someone saying they aren't going to worry about that because they've always been poor my family's been poor and we all have cancer in our lives and heart troubles in our family and all of that. And you know it's just always my children never amount to anything and all that. Let me tell you something there's a law working you better be careful because you're creating the very thing you're talking about. / He says, God said I create the fruit of your lips. Whatever you speak, whatever you confess – I'm going to create that. Words have the power to create.\*(about 1 min)

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You better be careful there's a law working. What? Luciferians who are freemasons – I'm talking about the hi-level ones, adhere to the laws of nature. The law he's talking about is the law of attraction. New agers believe in this and that is why they place so much importance on what you say. They believe if you say negative things you will draw that to yourself.

He said God says – I create the fruit of your lips. This is just another way to get the people saying all sorts of things expecting God to make it happen for them. When God said He creates the fruit of the lips, this was in regards to Him being praised. When He blesses and protects us, we praise Him and give Him glory. When He answers our prayers we praise Him. Joel's dad said that the fruit of our lips that God creates is whatever you speak.

**Isaiah 57:19** - I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to *him that is far off*, and to *him that is near*, saith the LORD; and I will heal him.

Other translations say God brings praise to their lips. That is the fruit He is creating. The act of bringing praise to their lips signifies a change from idolatry and disobedience to true worship and acknowledgment of God's sovereignty. He has renewed their hearts and they are now praising God and that is the fruit of their lips that God created by turning them back to Himself. The words they were speaking were words praising God. They were not speaking things that they expected God to get busy manifesting for them.

John Olsteen twisted this scripture saying that what we speak is the fruit of our lips and whatever we speak God is going to create it. WRONG!! What a major perversion of God's Word. They are so bold with their false teachings. Our words are the fruit of our lips but in this passage God said He created the fruit of their lips and this was spoken to the Israelites and it was a specific time in history when God drew His people back to Himself. The Bible never states that God is going to create whatever we speak as we just heard John Olsteen teach.

\*Please play from 12:58 to 14:19 John Olsteen false teaching STOP

He gives an example – brother Olsteen I'm not going to lie about it, if I'm sick – I'm sick, if I'm weak – I'm weak, if I'm in debt – I'm in debt. He says, I don't want you to lie about it. Just read what God's Word says and agree with God. The Bible says let the weak say I am strong. Let the weak say...he didn't say I'm not weak. Let the weak say, what shall the weak say? It didn't say let the weak pray. It's alright to pray. But I'm telling you there's a time to say and not pray. You can wear your carpet out until you get carbuncles on your knees and never get anything from God until you learn to use your mouth and agree with God. You see, let a person say on the basis of God's Word just the opposite of the problem. Let the weak say I am strong. Let the sick say I am healed. Well you say brother

Olsteen the doctor says I'm sick, my body says I'm sick. Well the Bible says by His stripes you are healed. So you just agree with God. You don't deny the doctors report, you don't deny that the symptoms are there you just agree with God. Let the weak say I am strong. Let the sick say I am healed. Let those in debt say I am prosperous. \*(about 1.5)

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To be fair while he was preaching he did say for those who were sick to say by His stripes I am healed. I was shocked to hear him say it! They mix a little truth here and there to keep their audience otherwise I think more people would catch on to what they are doing.

I used to listen to these false teachers when I was a baby Christian and I really had a problem going around talking the way they teach you to talk. If you are asked how you are doing and you always say I am healed then no one knows you are sick or that you feel horrible or that you need prayer. You feel like if you talk about being sick then you are not speaking right and according to them you are drawing sickness to yourself. Pretty soon you feel like the guy from the example where he said he wasn't going to lie about it. If you walk around talking the way he's teaching you will begin to feel like you are lying. The thing is we stand on God's Word and our legal ground that by Jesus' stripes we are healed. But it is ok to say I am sick but trusting Jesus for my healing. Pastor Erustus has been very sick with malaria and he is on medication for it and he says he trusts God all shall be well. That's how we talk and exercise our faith as Christians pertaining sickness and disease.

He said you can pray until your knees are calloused but you are not going to get anything from God until you say – speak the same thing He does. He is coming against prayer and putting this idea in the people's minds that they need to do something besides pray. He is teaching against prayer. He is hoping to draw people away from praying because there is power in prayer. That's you talking to God and He wants to hear from His children. He answers our prayers.

satan hates prayer and he fights powerfully against it. He wants to stop your prayer life altogether and that is what his ministers are working to accomplish with these type of teachings.

A few years back Pastor Erustus shared that during a deliverance session the demons said they were trying to kill me and my family but we were too prayerful and that has blocked them. I praise God for that and hope and pray that it remains that way. Never ever discount the power of prayer. That is the main way we communicate with God.

**Matt.7:7-11** – Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil (sinful), know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?

Asking, seeking and knocking all relates to prayer and seeking God through reading and studying His Word and living in obedience to it. We are to seek the Kingdom of God first and God promises that if we seek Him diligently He will be found. **(Proverbs 8:17)** Knocking is persistence; we don't just stop after asking once. This passage of scripture ends by saying how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him. Asking, seeking and knocking was summed up with asking God. That's prayer. Jesus told us to keep seeking, knocking and asking God in prayer.

He said, "You see, let a person say on the basis of God's Word just the opposite of the problem."

He based that on this next scripture:

**Joel 3:10** - Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears: let the weak say, I *am* strong.

So he emphasized "let the weak say I am strong" and went on to build up his false teaching around that phrase from this scripture. This was a call to war moving from a time of peace to war making their farming tools into spears and weapons. They were being encouraged to declare their strength whether they felt up to the task or not. They were strong because God was with them and all they had to do to be strong and win the battle is trust in God. So this is really pointing to God's power through faith in Him rather than their own abilities. The same thing is

conveyed in **2 Cor.12:9-10** which used to say before the Mandela effect, when I am weak then He is strong. Meaning in our weakness God is strong on our behalf. So this false teacher took this passage and liberally started teaching that you just go around declaring the opposite of your situation.

One of his examples was to those in debt – say - I’m prosperous. He said, say the opposite of your situation.

We don’t see anywhere in scripture where those who were poor started saying they were rich or prosperous. The apostles certainly didn’t believe this. We see Apostle Paul encouraging the early churches in Asia to gather an offering to give to the church in Jerusalem who was struggling. He even used the poor churches who dug down deep to encourage the Corinthians to give bountifully. **(2 Cor. ch:8)**

Those who love these false teachers and feed on what they say will suffer the same judgement that God is going to give the false teachers. **(Ezekiel 14:1-11)**  
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## **CLOSING**

The way to get God to move on your behalf is not to just go around speaking His Word out loud as if you are making a statement that you agree with Him and now expect Him to fulfill your actions. That is trying to manipulate God. That shows Him you do not know His Word, have not studied and don’t know Him.

If you want God to move in blessing your life and protecting you and all that you have you must first be born again by The Holy Spirit.

As Christians we are to be committed in seeking God in prayer & fasting, studying the Word, fellowship of the saints, praising and worshiping God, giving, ministering or serving in the church/ God's Kingdom at large, living holy, etc. These things keep satan and his demons off our lives. Developing a strong relationship with God is very significant.

## **PRAYER**

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