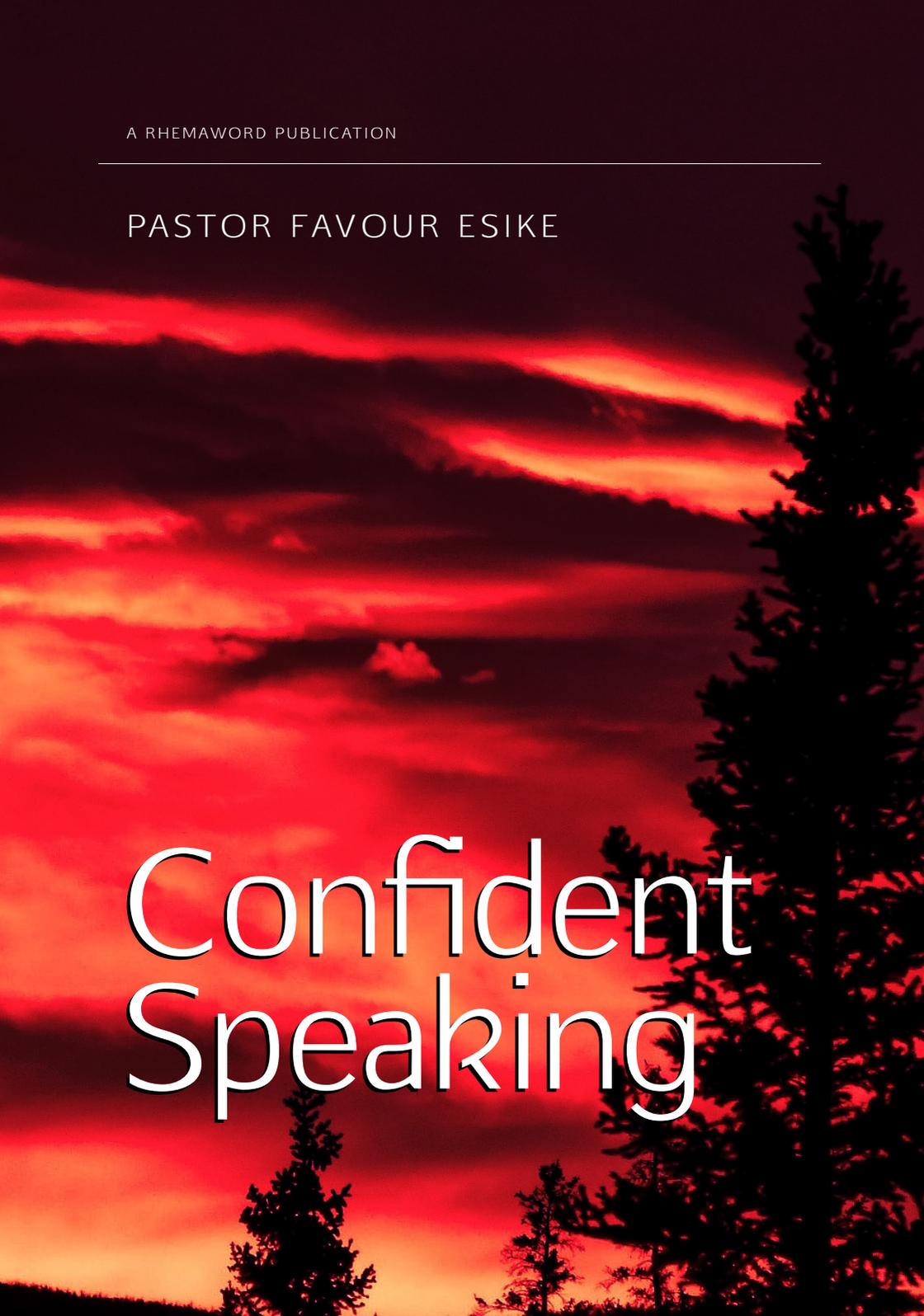


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Confident Speaking



For the believer, confident speaking comes from a consciousness of our reality in Christ Jesus and this "reality" is your basis for speaking in the first place as it is what you are convinced about and it is what dominates your thoughts. It is also what you see as possibilities and more importantly, it is what influences you.

Luke 6:45 "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh"

It is therefore important that you are deliberate about ensuring that your heart is continually filled with the word of God that speaks of your reality as seen in the epistles.

In Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord"

The word "dwell" used there means influence for good. This implies that the believer has to take on the responsibility of allowing the word of GOD

influence him which always results in good and brings about speaking expressly and accurately according to HIS will.

How do you allow the word to have influence on you as a believer? *In 1 Tim 4:15, "Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all."*

This implies that to allow the influence of the word in your life, you have to meditate and give yourself wholly to the Word, submerging your whole being, bringing down every contrary thought to the authority of God's Word and believing solely on what GOD's Word says.

In Ephesians 5:18-20, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;"
The Bible juxtaposes two sources of influence.

The wine and the Holy Spirit. Just like the drunkard would of his own will tarry at wine, the believer has the responsibility to stay under the influence of the Holy Ghost who is the safest and the most accurate influence and this is done primarily by praying in the Holy Ghost. When you pray in the Holy Ghost, the word of GOD is stirred in your spirit man, bringing conviction to you and causing you to speak with the inspiration of the SPIRIT of GOD. Consequently, when you speak, you speak in terms of the will of GOD, not doubting but being certain and being assured of the character and power behind the words spoken.

The one who speaks from the influence of the SPIRIT and GOD's word is the one who is wise and speaks wisely, who understands what GOD's will is and the certainty of it. It would therefore be correct to say that the soundness of our minds per time as believers is measured by the influence of the SPIRIT and the Word of God on our minds.

Beloved, your mind can be so sound that it gets to the point where the first answer that rises up in your thoughts for every situation is GOD's word to you and this is because of the strong influence of

the Word and GOD's Spirit which causes you to speak boldly and expressly.

Action points

Make it a habit to stay under the influence of GOD's word and HIS Spirit today and with the sound mind HE has given you, speak boldly today.

Confessions

The word of GOD is my reality. Therefore I boldly declare, I am who the word says I am, I have what HIS word says I have and I can do what HIS words say I can do.