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“I think I can—I think I can—I think I can,” repeated the little blue engine as it chugged up the mountainside railroad track to bring toys and good food to the children on the other side of the mountain. This classic children’s story, *The Little Engine That Could*, illustrates a powerful truth: what we confess in our innermost being is what we will bring into manifestation in our life. What we think, say, and do matters! It directly affects what we receive.

This little engine, fueled by repeated, positive confession, made it to the top of the mountain and reached its desired destination—and so can we. We too can “chug up our mountains,” and with the knowledge of God’s Word, we reap God’s abundance and power. When you and I line up our thoughts, words, and actions with what God states in His Word, we are agreeing with God Almighty, the Creator of the heavens and earth. With His mighty backing when we believe, we are on track to receive the abundance and power He promises us.

*1 Thessalonians 2:13:*

*For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.*

Agreeing with God unleashes His abundance and power in our lives so that we can overcome obstacles and climb our mountains. So let’s examine (1) what it means to agree with God and (2) how we do it.

First, what does it mean to agree with God? To agree means to harmonize, to say yes, to be of the same opinion, or to be in accord. We know in our personal relationships that agreeing often requires some adjustment of differences. To be in accord with God will require some adjustment on our part because God’s thoughts and ways are higher than our thoughts and ways, as we see in the Book of Isaiah.

*Isaiah 55:8,9:*

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.*

*For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

You and I have the power to determine what we will think about and what we will not think about. To agree with God, we bring our thoughts up to the level of God's Word. We choose to track with the Word, not allowing any thoughts of doubt, worry, or fear to derail us.

This brings us to our second point: how do we agree with God? Look at this beautiful scripture that shows us how to direct our thoughts upward to the level of the Word.

*Philippians 4:8:*

*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

We can “think on these things” by putting specific scriptures to memory—repeating to ourselves truths that are confirmed in God's Word. We can take our thinking to new heights—and we can keep it there—by repeated, positive confession. In the Book of Mark is a remarkable example of what we can receive when our thoughts track with God's Word.

*Mark 5:25-28:*

*And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.*

*For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.*

The Amplified Bible provides an important nuance of grammar in Mark 5:28. It reads, “For she kept saying, If I only touch His garments, I shall be restored to health.” “She kept saying”—it was a continuous thought process. She kept confessing in her heart positive, godly thoughts, and thus yielded the powerful receipt of her confession: “And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague” (Mark 5:29).

What we think, say, and do matters. It directly affects what we receive. To agree with God, we bring our thinking up to the level of God's Word. We find the promises of God we need—promises such as need supplied (Philippians 4:19), health and prosperity (III John 2), wisdom (James 1:5), strength (Philippians 4:13), and direction (Proverbs 3:5,6). Then we keep confessing that promise, chugging up the mountain until we reach the top! When we agree with God, we unleash His abundance and power in our lives.

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