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Female: And now for, "God's Word for Life, Health and Healing, Part 2."

C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word, because brother, you need the word. We welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us online at brothersoftheword.com or one of our social media channels, welcome to today's service. Always a wonderful delight and joy to have you to tune in and join us. Well, we'd like to share just a little humor.

During a visit to the mental asylum, a person asked the director. He said, "How do you determine whether or not a patient should be institutionalized?" "Well", said the director, "We fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub". "Oh, I understand" he said. "A normal person would use the bucket, because it's bigger than the teaspoon or the teacup?" "No," said the director, "A normal person would pull the plug". "Now would you like a bed near the window or not?"

Well, we are so excited. We've been walking through the healing scriptures. We're walking through the healing scriptures, and we are on Part 2 of God's Word for Life, Health and Healing. God's word for Life, Health and Healing Part 2 and last time, we covered Proverbs 3, 7 and 8. We covered Proverbs 19, 23, Proverbs 21 and 21. We were just getting ready. Right in the middle of Proverbs, Chapter 4. So that's what we'll pick up today Proverbs, Chapter 4, verses 20 through 24. Proverbs, Chapter 4 verses 20 through 24. Verse 20 reads, "My son attend to my words. Incline thine ear unto my sayings", and we said that this is referring to giving God's word your regular attention. Giving it priority, giving it focus in your life, giving it careful study. We said, "Listen to it, hear it over and over and over." So, "my son attend to my words, incline thine ear unto my sayings," and then Verse 21, let them not depart from thine eyes, keep them in the midst of thine heart. And so, now, we

attend to God's word. We give it Priority. We give it careful study. We give it regular attention, attending to it. "My son, attend to my words. Incline thine ear unto my sayings, listening to it, hearing it over and over."

And now, Verse 21 says, "Let them not depart from thine eyes." And so, now we begin to get a vision. A picture of God's word. Notice, God gave Abraham he gave him a picture of his word. "Abraham, look at the stars." And he gave him a picture, he gave him something to meditate on and gave him something for his vision. And so now, we envision God's word. We keep it before our eyes. I remember hearing the testimony of John Osteen, Joel's father. When he was in the hospital after a very grave illness and he told his family. He said, "Bring my running shoes and my running shorts". And he said, "Place them in my room, so that I can see them." Because he was picturing himself being able to run again. And so, that was putting the word before his eyes. So, you keep the word before your eyes.

And even his wife, Dodie; Joel's mother -- and I'm going to share some of her video testimony a little later. But, Doty Osteen, she was given just a few weeks to live and the doctors had done all they can do, she was sent home with just a few weeks to live. She had liver cancer and she said she took this verse to heart and she kept the word before her eyes. She kept the word before her eyes, so she put the word on postcards and put it around her house. She got out her pictures of her in a wedding dress because she said, "I want to have that same joy that I had on my wedding day. I want to experience that same joy in my life." So, she put that as a picture of the joy that she wanted to experience in life again. She put a picture of herself riding a horse. She was sitting on horse and she said, "I want to have that that type of fun again."

And so, these are the pictures she began to put. She didn't put pictures of death, even though she had a death sentence from the doctor. She put pictures of life. She put pictures of wellness and wholeness and fun and activities, so she puts things that pertain to life and that's what she kept before her eyes. And so, in God's word, we read it, we see it, we envision it, we meditate on it. We read it, we see it, we envision it, we meditate on it. So, you keep it before your eyes and that's what Verse 1 is saying, Verse 21 rather. But verse 20, "My son attend to my words. Incline thine ear unto my sayings." Verse 21, "Let

them not depart from thine eyes.” So, you put it where you can see it. Envision it. See it.

Then it goes on to say, “Keep them in the midst of thine heart.” And so, Proverbs 4 gives us the entry points into the heart. It’s letting you know, this is how you get something into your heart and keep it before your eyes. You hear it. You see it you meditate on it. You think about it. You read it. This is how you get something in your heart. You see it over and over. It eventually get down on the inside of your heart. It eventually get into your heart. And so, it gives us these are the entry points into the heart. And so, that’s why he says, “Whatever you’re giving your attention to, your life will move in the direction of your most dominant thoughts.” And so that’s why he says, “Give attention to my word. Give it careful study, attend to my word, incline thine ears out what I am saying and listen to it. Now, keep it. Let it not depart from thine eyes. Keep it in the midst of thine heart.

So, it lets us know that the eye gate and the ear gate, these are entry points into a man’s heart. Keep them in the midst of thine heart. And then, Verse 22. Here’s a result of God’s word in our heart. Verse 22, “For they are Life unto those that find them and Health to all their flesh.” So, God’s word is Life to us when we find his word and put it in hearts. God’s word is Life to us and Health to all our flesh. The Hebrew rendering of the word “Health” there is actually “Medicine”. God’s word is medicine. It’s supernatural medicine. God’s word is medicine. God’s word is medicine.

That’s why the Bible says in Psalms 107:20, “He sent his word and healed them.” His word is medicine. God’s word is medicine. God’s word is medicine. And here’s a good thing about taking God’s medicine. There are no side effects. No side effects to God’s medicine. No side effects, and if you don’t feel yourself getting any better, double the dose. Double the dose, so double up on the word. If you don’t see any results, double the dose. Double the dose. There are no side effects. You can take as much of God’s word as you want. God’s word is supernatural medicine. God’s word is supernatural medicine. “They are life,” he says here. “My words are Life unto those that find them and Health to all their flesh.”

And so, God drops here this little prescription. He gives us the prescription for taking his medicine. He gives us prescription

for taking his medicine. The Bible is just full of divine wisdom and strategies and keys. And so, God, he's giving us a clue here. He's letting us know that his word is medicine to all our flesh. So, God's word is medicine to your eyes. It's medicine to your heart. God's word is medicine to your liver. God's word is medicine to your kidneys. God's word is medicine to your pancreas. God's word is medicine to your colon. God's word is medicine to your lungs. God's word is medicine to your bones. God's word is medicine to your brain. God's word is medicine to your bloodstream. God's word is medicine to all our flesh. God's word is medicine to all our flesh.

And so, for medicine to work, you have to take it as directed. And so, that's why we want to take God's word on a regular basis. Medicine is no good, if you don't take it. Medicine is no good, if you don't take it. So, you have to take God's medicine. I Bishop Dale, he said he went to visit a woman in the hospital and he said, "Bless her dear heart." He says, he walked in and she just had the Bible lying on her chest, as if there was some osmosis for the leather Bible would permeate into her body. But, she had good intentions, but you have to get it into your heart. You cannot lay it on your body, you got to get it into your heart. Now, she had the right attention, so she knew that there was a connection between medicine and her healing and her body. And so, she just laid it on her body. Don't just lay it on your body, you got to pull that word out of the Bible and get it down in your heart. You got to get it on the inside of you. That would be the same as taking a medicine bottle and place it on you. That wouldn't do you any good. No, you got to open the bottle and you got to partake of the medicine and for it to impact your body.

And so, God's word is the same way. You have to get it down on the inside. So, that's why it says, "Keep it in the midst of your heart. Take it regularly. Take it regularly." And if you don't see results, double the dose. Double the dose and there are no side effects, no harmful side effects. The only side effects is that you'll have more life energy and joy. Glory, glory, glory. Praise God.

So, this is supernatural medicine. This is supernatural medicine. This is supernatural medicine. So, the Bible says, I believe in the Book of James, it says, "Receive with meekness, the engrafted word." Which is able to save your soul. So, we

get the word and graft it, implant in, infused. Infuse is into your spirit man and the life from that word brings Health, Healing to the body. The life from that word. Because you begin to become one with the word, you begin to become one. Jesus said, "If you abide in me and my words abide in you," so there is a oneness, there's a union. The word becomes flesh. Because it's abiding on the inside of you, you're abiding in the words, words abiding you. And so, the word becomes flesh and you become one with the word and the life of that word, it'll eventually reflect in your body. It reflects in your flesh. It's infusing into your spirit and then it permeates into the body. So, it eventually spills. So, you feel your spirit up and it eventually spills until the body.

God's word is spiritual medicine, it's supernatural medicine. It's from Heaven and it is supernatural medicine and it's the most powerful medicine on Earth. God's word is Life to us and Health to all our flesh. God's word is Life to us and Health to all our flesh. AV, if you have the testimony, you can play the testimony clip if you have that?

Doles Osteen:

In 1981, please be seated. When I was given the diagnosis of metastatic cancer of the liver, right at Christmas time, 15 days before Christmas. And giveth a few weeks to live. Few weeks to live in 1981. No treatment, they could give. We're not sure that chemo would help, but they told my husband, "It would not prolong my life." So, I had nothing. No help from doctors, although doctors are wonderful, but I just had to trust Jesus completely. Well, it's been 27 and a half years later and in October this year, I will be 76 years old. So, God, yes. So, God has caused a lot of weeks to roll around and I'm thankful for it. And I plan to live to at least be a 90 or older.

But let me tell you what I did and this might help you, not only for healing alone, but for anything you need from God. Find the place where it's written. I found some scriptures. I had them stored in my heart for all those years. I had never been sick in my life. And I had these scriptures stored in my heart. I began to read them, Proverbs 4:20, says, "Attend to my words, incline your ear into to my Say. Let them not depart from mine eyes." So, I began to read them every day, every day. I read them this morning, I read them every day before I leave home about healing. But, whatever you need from God. If it's finances, if it's a child that's gone astray, all you need to do is find the place

where it's written on those scriptures and believe God and don't give up too soon.

Sometimes, people give up too soon. So I want to encourage you. Another thing I did that might help you, I forgave people. I asked people to forgive me. Give Jesus a hand clap, would you please? People that I thought maybe I had offended, I wrote my children, I wrote my husband because I had weighed 89 pounds. I was jaundice. I felt bad, I was irritable. And so, I wrote a letter and I just asked them all to forgive me. Anybody I could think of that I felt like might have offended and you know what? I think forgiveness on forgiveness is a key to whatever you need from God. Healing or anything else. Life is too short to have a root of bitterness come up in your heart and not forgive people. So, I want to encourage you that if you need to forgive somebody do it. If you need to restore a relationship, you make a move. You forgive them and you pray for them and ask God to bless them.

And then the third thing I did, I went to visit people that were sick. I didn't feel like it. I didn't feel like getting in the car driving, but I drove across town sometime to pray for people. I still do. I still pray for people. That's my life. God has given me life, so that I can help other people to recover. So, I want to encourage you, whatever you need from God, just don't give up too soon. Hold on to the word of God, forgive people. Go and do for other people. Love other people. Be an imitator of Jesus, walk like Jesus walked and I'm telling you, it works. Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." He doesn't love me anymore --

C. Elijah Bronner: Praise God. Amen. Now that video is about 10 years old. So she was 76 then. She is about 86 today, still going strong, still preaching the word, still full of life, but she still to this day, she reads her healing scriptures every day, every day. She pulls out her list then she goes to them every day because she's taking us medicine, God's word is life to us and health to all our flesh, medicine, God's word is medicine.

And then now in Verse 23, it says, this is Proverbs 4 Verse 23. It says, "Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life or the springs of life or the outgoings of life". So your life flows out of heart, your life flows out of your heart. Then Verse 24, it says, "Put away from thee a froward mouth

and perverse lips put far from thee.” Now, this actually leads us right into the next set of scriptures. Flip over to Proverbs Chapter 10. These are some other healing scriptures in Proverbs. Notice what that last verse says. It says, “Put away from thee a froward mouth and perverse lips put far from thee.

Proverbs 10, 11 says, “That the mouth of a righteous man is a well of life.” That means a fountain of life or a wellspring of life. Means that your mouth is life giving. The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life. Flip over to Proverbs Chapter 12. We are just walking through the scriptures. We’re walking through the healing scriptures.

Proverbs Chapter 12 Verse 18. It says, “The tongue of the wise health. The Amplified Bible says, “The tongue of the wise brings healing or promotes health.” So that lets you know that there’s healing in your tongue. So we have to speak to our bodies. You can speak to your body. Your body can hear you. So that’s why it’s so important to put God’s word in your heart and let it come out of your mouth because your body can hear you, your cells can hear you, your organs can hear you, your health

Your physical health listens to you. It listens to your mouth. Listen to this particular article. This is in Reader’s Digest called “Patient knows Best.” It says, “A person’s answer to the question, Is your health excellent, good, fair or poor? The answer to this question is a remarkable predictor of who will live or die over the next four years according to new findings. A study of more than 2,800 men and women 65 and older found that those who rate their health poor are four to five times more likely to die in the next four years than those who rate their health excellent. This was the case, even if examination showed the respondents to be incomparable health. So they can be in the same state but simply what they believed about themselves and what they said about themselves determine whether or not the likelihood of them dying within the next four years. So it increased four to five times of those who said they have poor health.”

You know Proverbs was saying that all the time. “The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life. The tongue of the wise is health brings healing promotes health.” And so we have the ability to speak to our body. I believe the Reader’s Digest’s study proves your body can hear you. Your body can hear what

you're saying out of your mouth. And so your cells are listening. Your organs are listening. Your bloodstream is listening and your body responds by the way you talk, by what you say to your body.

So speak life to your body. Speak health, healing, wholeness, soundness to your body. Speak God's word to your body. Your body responds to what comes out of your mouth. Your body responds to what you believe and what you say about your own health. And so that's why God's word is so powerful because it's in our hearts. We believe it and we say it out of our mouth. Our bodies respond to it, bodies can hear.

This is the same word that created everything. So your body responds to what you say out of your mouth. And so science is beginning to prove that out. There are a lot of doctors now who will tell their patients just begin to say, "My blood pressure is 120 over 80." A lot of doctors have found, you know, just to get them to say that I'm getting better and better every day. A lot of doctors are actually including this into their practice because they realize the power of our words. They realize the power of our words.

The Book of James says that "the direction of a man's life is got it by his tongue" and tongue controls the direction of your life. And so this is powerful. So Proverbs talks about it. No wonder Proverbs 18, 20 and 21 says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue. Here are a couple more scriptures and we'll stop for today. But Proverbs Chapter 16, Proverbs Chapter 16 Verse 23 and 24. It says that "The heart of the wise teaches his mouth and as learning to his lips." So your heart teaches your mouth. And so we put God's word in our heart and in our heart will help to govern what we say and what we do.

So God's word in our heart becomes a governor. It begins to govern what we say. It begins to govern what we do. So the heart of the wise teaches his mouth and as learning to his lip. Then Verse 24 says, "Pleasant words" here it is again. You see it all through the scriptures, "Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and health to the bones." God's word in our hearts, when we speak it out of our mouths is sweet to the soul and health to our bones. I love that, "sweet to the soul, health to the bones."

So God's word is full of this and I just wanted to begin to share those scriptures in Proverbs will pick up next time. Make a conscious effort every day to begin to put God's healing word in your heart and in your mouth, speaking out of your mouth. Speak it out of your mouth. See it. Keep it in the midst of your heart. His word is life to us and health to all our flesh. Praise God. Those of you who are watching us today on Brothers of the Word or social media, I want you to go to brothersoftheword.com. You can listen to the message in this entirety. You can also email it to a friend absolutely free of charge. Thank you so much for joining us today at Brothers of the Word, because brother, you need the word.

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