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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 in www.brothersoftheword.com Stay tuned to today's message. We are so excited you tuned in to be with us today. I would like to read just a little humor; this is one I've shared before. It reads that the doctor came out of operating room to talk with the man's wife. "I don't like the looks of your husband" he said. "Neither do I" said the wife."But he's not home much and he's great with the kids".

Open your Bible if you will to—Mr. Ferguson I appreciate your laughter. Open your Bible if you will to the Gospel of John. It's always good to have one good laughter in the audience and helps you out. The Gospel John—Let's two texts here in John. We'll read John chapter 4, and we'll also read John chapter 7. But John chapter 4, just one verse here. John 4:14, when you there say 'Amen'. Let's read verse 14 there, John 4:14, ready read, "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." And also John 7:38, let's read that on in unison, "He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." I just want to use as a subject today, a fountain of blessing.

And what I received from this verse here, from these scriptures here is simply—this is what they spoke to me. And I have never really looked at it in this manner. I had always looked at it as a type of the Holy Spirit, and we have taught it as he was living the Holy Spirit so that they can speak with other tongues and that would be the rivers of water flowing out of your belly and so on and so forth. But this time I have a different thought, and this is what these Scriptures really said to me in the recesses of my heart this time. Simply, keep a fountain of good things, positive things, flowing out of you, toward other people.

Notice that we have a well springing up and a river flowing up. That's what it said to me that we were to keep a fountain, a fountain of good things, fountain of positive things flowing out of us toward other people. And this fountain will bring refreshment, delight to everyone in our pad. Everyone that we encounter, they are refreshed and delighted and given life by this fountain of blessing that we have in us that flows in us and through us. Now in order for this fountain to really remain continuous because, you know I get the picture that this is a continuous fountain of blessing that flows and that's what Jesus said. He said that it will be in your well of water springing up and a river of water flowing out of your belly. So it's a continuous flow but there but in order for it to be continuous, we must be hooked up to God's fountain and to God's river. This is emanating from him and we're simply a continuation of what comes from him and it goes through us, and so an order for us to have an effective fountain of blessing—an effective river of blessing flowing out of us being blessing to the world. Being a blessing to everyone we come into contact with, we must make sure that our fountain stays connected to him. That our river will hook up to his river.

Flip over to Psalms 36, I want to show you that God himself has a fountain. He has a river. Psalms 36, look at verse 8 and verse 9. Psalms 36:8-9, notice what it says there. "They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee is the fountain of life". I never realized that God has a fountain. God has a river and no wonder Jesus said, when I'm going to leave there's going to be a well, springing up in you. There's a river flowing out of your belly. Well, that's the fountain of blessing. It comes from God and flows through us, and it is to be a blessing to everyone that is along the path that as we carry on our daily activities.

So we are refreshing people, bringing delight to people with this fountain, this river that flows out of us flows from God through us and flows out to people bring life. I love that being a fountain of blessing. Turn to your neighbors and say "You are a fountain of blessing". Something flows from you that blesses others.

There's a young lady that she was here, last week. I love her because I called her a secret agent. She's like one of God's secret agent, and she really exemplifies this message tonight. But what she does she goes out quietly, and she just goes about her life, but she always looks for opportunities to share her testimony and to share on of the ministry resources that we have here called the, "Words for Healing". And so every once in a while she'll pull me to the side and she'll let me know who she ran into, who she gave a CD to—who she got a CD for and she comes to this church probably every once a month. She'll buy five or ten CDs because she's on a – She's like a secret agent and she doesn't do with a lot fanfare. She doesn't make a lot of noise. But quietly she's just out and about and she drops a CD whenever she hears someone that has sickness that is going through something. She'll give them, she'll sow that CD into their life. She'll bless us and you are a river of blessing. You are a fountain of blessing.

Remember what we said that we ought to keep of fountain of good things, positive things, flowing out of us toward other people – a fountain, turn to your neighbor and say, "You are a fountain of blessing". What else flows out of this fountain? Well joy flows out of this fountain. I have two people called me recently, and they didn't even want anything, we just called you to hear you laugh because your laughter, with your laughter it brings joy to me. And I just called to hear you laugh. I have two individuals, to different people called me recently just to hear me laugh. Well that joy was flowing out of the fountain. That was flowing out of the fountain. In fact there was a gentlemen here, he attends to our service, and he tells somebody and they got the word to me. He simply said, "I come to hear—see Elijah just to hear him laugh, because if I can hear him laugh I can make it through the rest of the week. He said I just come to hear him laugh.

Well that's the joy that's in the fountain that flows out of our belly. Joy is in that fountain. Faith is in that fountain. Love is in that fountain. Kindness is in that

fountain. Generosity is in that fountain. Forgiveness is in that fountain. Goodness is in that fountain. All of these things flow out of this fountain. This river that flows from our belly, that Jesus gave us and it flows to others that we come in a contact with those who are along our pathways. Those are some things that flow in this fountain.

If you think about Jesus, he blessed people. Jesus brought healing. Jesus brought him encouragement. Jesus brought life. In the book of Acts chapter 10 verse 38, “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all those were oppressed of the devil” See that’s all he was allowing that goodness to flow out of the fountain. Goodness flows out of that fountain. All of these wonderful things flow out of the fountain. Turn to your neighbor and say you are a fountain of blessing. There’s a scripture, you don’t have to turn there. In the book of Zechariah 8:13, and this is what it declares, God speaking to his people; he says you shall be a blessing. There had been a curse, but he says, now this is the promise that we can all take hold up. He says, you shall be a blessing. You shall be a blessing. And then Jesus comes and releases us in us a fountain of blessing. A fountain of blessing that is like a river that flows from our belly to everyone we come into contact. Now the book of James says something very interesting about this fountain. I never really studied this fountain, I just got a little rabbit trail and I started seeing this fountain. I started seeing this fountain, I’ve been preaching a long time but I never really paid attention to this fountain that we have inside of us.

Turn over to the book of James, that's back there near not too far from Revelations. You can go to Revelations and flip back to the left—three, four or five books and you’ll hit small book there called the epistle of James, but James 3:9-12, I want you to see what James says about this fountain. Let’s look James 3:9-12. He says,” Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.” Notice what James was doing. James is calling your mouth the fountain. He’s calling you mouth the fountain. And he’s saying there are two different things flowing out of your fountain. And notice what he says in verse 11. “Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?” And this is what James said, “there are contrary waters coming out of your fountain. They are not matching with each other and these things honestly he said,”

Your fountain needs to be repaired you need to call a plumber. Something’s wrong with your fountain”. Notice what he refers to our mouth as a fountain. Then he goes on with verse 12, “Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? So can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.” Notice that, keep remembering what we said at the very beginning—keep a fountain of good things, positive things, flowing out of you to others. Say that with me, Keep a fountain of

good things, positive things, flowing out of you to others. You got to check your fountain. You can always see what's coming out of your fountain. See what's coming out of your fountain.

There's a cute little incident that happened to me with my little daughter. She just three today actually but this happened around when she was two. She had a habit – I'm not sure where she picked this up from school or from someone else. But at two years of age, she got in the habit of telling everybody to shut up. It was sort of amusing because even though she shouldn't have been saying especially to adults and so forth. But it was amusing because she really couldn't talk, but for some odd reason the word "shut up" came out very clearly. And I was just amazed because— we try to say listen don't say that and the more we say it don't say that and she will say "Shut up!" And she pronounces it with such clarity, with such pronunciation and with such diction and it was so clear. That's the way things work. All of her other words were just gibberish but for some reason 'shut up' came out crystal clear. And we would try our best to get a no, no ,no don't say that. And the more we will say don't say it. She will "shut up". Turn to your neighbor and say "shut up".

I kept trying the work with her and said—Wait a minute. I can't just get her to stop doing or saying something that she shouldn't be saying. What I need to is get her a replacement with something good. And so I said, now she's saying two words shut up so I made a replacement with two words. And so I told her to start saying "be happy". I said hey, tell people to be happy. Not 'shut up', tell them to be happy. So I gave those two words to replace it. And sure enough it worked and the only thing is she kept 'shut up' on the front end of it. So she was saying, "shut up, be happy". Just a couple of months I have taken the kids on a little family vacation. And we were driving back from the vacation and one of the kids had to use the restrooms. I pulled in to this gas station. We left the city with vacation then so we have driven about an hour. And I pulled in to this gas station for one of the children to use the restroom. And so when they came out, one of my bodies called me on my cell and so I have my earpiece, I put my earpiece in I'll talk to you in a while.

So I started talking to them, telling him all about the trip. And I wasn't paying attention to my direction. So when I pulled out the gas station, I was supposed to turn right, but because I was on the phone, I turned left. And I never knew I turned left. I never knew I turned left. And I drove 45 minutes. And we arrived back in the city that we vacationed in. And I started looking around, that church looks familiar right there. I remember I didn't know they have two churches. I was saying to myself, I know we passed a church about an hour ago, I didn't realize they had two of those same churches in this vicinity. And I realized, and I was looking at the church I had passed it out. And so, I've finally – on me that I have made the wrong coming out of the gas station. As I turned around I was headed back and I was not a happy camper. I was complaining and I could not believe. Do you know how frustrating it is you're driving 2-hours out of the way because if there's hour going

back, I had wasted an hour to get to the gas station. I had gone back an hour and realized that I had turned a wrong way and now I've got to go back another hour just to get back to where I left off from. So you're talking about a 2-hour delay. Can you imagine driving with a car full of kids, how frustrating that is to realize that you made a 2-hour wrong turn?

So I was fussing, I was complaining and I was gripping, and I was just driving and fussing, driving and complaining, driving and fussing then all of the sudden I heard this word "shut up! Be happy!" It was my little daughter. And those hit me like a ton of bricks. I said alright, Holy Spirit I hear you. I hear you Holy Spirit. Here I am allowed to my fountain to spill forth a bit of water. Can a fountain give forth that which is sweet and bitter? And so I realized I needed to check my fountain. Shut up, be happy. Turn to your neighbor, "Shut up, be happy".

Let me give you this little Brother Point about happiness. This is the Brother Point. Happiness is an attitude. We either make our miserable or happy and strong. The amount of work is the same. Happiness is an attitude. We either make ourselves miserable, or happy and strong. The amount of work is the same. Shut up. Be Happy. Shut up. Be happy. Francesca Reigler said that "Happiness is an attitude. We either make ourselves miserable, happy and strong. The amount of work is the same."

I came across something interesting. You don't have to turn them in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. The Bible gives us three things that we ought to do continuously all the time. Three things, and these three powerful things and as I am growing and living life I try to remind myself and check myself to see if I'm doing these three things. Well the first one is being happy. The Bible calls it Joy. Rejoice every morning. Be Joyful. Be Happy. So the first one, I always check myself to see, am I happy? Am I displaying a truthful attitude? Am I along the joy of the Lord? Have I chosen happiness as my attitude for the day? At the beginning of the every morning you are to choose happiness as an attitude. You have to choose to be happy every morning that this is the day that the Lord has made and I will rejoice and be glad. What a beautiful day. What a wonderful day. I'm so excited about this day. What an opportunity it is to enjoy God's favor and his blessing. Choose to be happy. Choose to be happy at the beginning of every day. 1 Thessalonians 5:16. "rejoice every morning. Choose to be happy".

Second thing that it tells us to constantly do is to be prayerful. So we should joyful. We should be prayerful. Praying without ceasing. The third thing that says, to be joyful, to be prayerful and the third thing to be thankful—In everything give thanks. This is the will of God concerning you in Christ Jesus. Ask yourself, take that little test throughout your day. Am I joyful? Am I prayerful? Am I thankful? Those are three powerful attitudes.

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Praise God. Amen. Well we did not get the opportunity to finish up everything I wanted to share this. So we may do a part two of A Fountain of Blessing. There are just some things there that I began to see that the God wants to flow out of us to be a blessing to everybody we come into contact with. Folks we have fountain on the inside of us, we have a well there, we have a river and it's not there to be dormant. It's just not there to sit on the inside of us. Jesus put it there, he put it to be a river life to everyone you come in a contact with. And it is an awesome thing, a river that a fountain of blessing, we have a fountain of blessing on the inside of us. And I'm so excited to see places that have me to go. To see the people here have me to touch just to splash a little bit of that river on. Just a splash a little bit of fountain on them. Just to draw a little bit from that well and give them a drink. All a fountain of blessing that we all have inside of us. We have to do Part 2 of that because it is exciting. Praise God. Amen. Give the Lord another hand clap of praise for his Word.