

One of the most powerful tools a Pastor will use in ministry is his voice... Frank Sinatra: *May you live to be 100 and may the last voice you hear be mine.* In the scripture we are going to look at, it implies that Jesus had a way of speaking, that within his voice there was an appeal to the listener... Jesus said: *Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.*

Mark 1:21-22 Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught. ²² And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

I THE VOICE:

A- Have you ever really considered this? ... Your voice is what people will listen to... (*have you listened to yourself?*)

1. Voice is: the sound produced in a person's larynx and exited through the mouth
 - a. It's sound vibrations that produce sound waves... then someone interprets these sounds and receives a message.
2. Voice is CRITICAL to the listener; for salvation, direction, counsel, instruction, encouragement, rebuke, judgement, edification, discipleship, etc...

B- But its beyond SOUNDS & Information... Your voice is how you transfer what is in you; into others.

1. **Jn 6:63** The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life... These sounds carry the spirit of life
 - a. See words are a vessel; This reminds us of the vital need to make our voice as useful as possible.
2. **Mt15:18** But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart... Here Jesus emphasizes what comes from the mouth (voice/words), comes from the persons heart.
 - a. This is used in the context of negatives, but the same is true of the opposite-
 - i. **Num 14:24** But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him... Caleb said we CAN take the land!

C- It is important that you learn to use this powerful tool.

1. Jesus did: **V22** they were astonished at His teaching.
 - a. I believe that involved the idea of wisdom, but also the idea of how he communicated- His voice drew people in.

II VOICE EFFECTIVENESS:

A- Lets talk about ways to use your voice as a powerful tool- I believe we see pieces of Jesus approach

1. Voice of Compassion: **Mk1:41** Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." ... What do you think that sounded like?
 - a. Compassion was the foundation... It came from deep within, a love for this soul.
2. Voice of Wisdom: **Mt13:54** so they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom"?
 - a. Jesus spoke of what he knew. He came down from heaven. He was a master of his truth.
 - b. You must learn to be Master of your topic. (Roc. Had questions after every service... made me a better preacher)
 - i. Approaching preaching this way makes you declare.. it comes from within and translates into your voice;
 1. Dale Carnegie: *Speak from the back of your throat forward.*
 - c. In wisdom: Find the fastest & clearest route to deliver your idea... Jesus said things in small sentences, but with profound truth... PG has mastered this... This requires thinking.
3. Voice that Connects: Jesus had the ability to speak to a wide range of people;
 - a. Everyday Jews, Religious, Tax Collectors, Samaritans, Romans... He knew the Language of the people
 - b. He often used stories & illustrations that connected eternal ideas, & that caused people to gain revelation.
4. Voice of Appeal: Methods to make your voice appealing to the listener... Rhythm, tempo, cadence, clarity, emphasis, pause, enthusiasm, charm, delivery, thought...
 - a. Each of these are like an ingredient in a pot of stew- creating an appeal & aroma of life to your words.

III COMMUNICATION POWER:

A- What you need ultimately is a VOICE of POWER- This comes from the Holy Ghost.

1. **Mark 1:10** And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove... At the baptism of Jesus, he was filled w the holy ghost
 - a. The Holy Ghost brings the power to your voice; **V22** for He taught them as one having authority.
2. The HG gives us the power of Anointing: What makes us Divinely Effective... Peter on Pentecost (3,000 saved)
3. The Power of Authority: You now speak with the power of Heaven behind you.
4. The Power of Ruling: You rule over demonic power and You rule over the results
 - a. **Deut28:13** And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail