

Declaration

One of the weapons of our spiritual warfare, which is related to the Confession and / or Profession is the “**Declaration.**” **Job 22:28.....** *Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee; and the light shall shine upon thy ways.* This is a covenant privilege that was extended to us, the right to decree things and have them become **established**. Then, the Holy Spirit can begin to shed light on your ways so that you can make the necessary adjustments or changes that are required for the things you decreed to come to pass.

This is not a difficult concept, but it does have three parts. First, you are responsible to make the decree you desire to see come to pass. In the process of making a decree, you are releasing the authority that God gave you over circumstances, situations or issues that you need to change, you are demonstrating your belief in the Word of God, and you are releasing your faith over the matter. These are powerful forces and all of them should be involved in making a decree. Secondly, once you have made the decree, it becomes established. That means it is no longer subject to change. You are the deciding witness of whether or not it gets established. Finally, the Holy Spirit will begin to reveal the changes necessary to bring what you have established to pass, so it is imperative that you listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit with the intent to obey.

One of the very first steps towards a commitment to change something should be the decree. Note that you do not have to see how what you are believing for is possible, or how it can be accomplished, or whether or not it sounds even possible. The function of the decree is to establish something. It is a form of calling forth those things that be not as though they are, another spiritual weapon or tool. The decree establishes goals to be accomplished through our covenant with God by the use of our faith.

While the principle of the decree can be used anytime, I make it a point to use it at the beginning of a new year to set the tone for the year. Some examples are as follows:

I decree that in this new year I will see greatly increased fruitfulness of the ministry, more opportunity to minister to others, and greater ministry to others that endures. I will spend additional time in the new year in prayer, in meditation and in the presence of the Lord than ever before. I will have increased revelation knowledge imparted to me, I will use the authority that God gave to me more frequently and I will become more skilful in the use of spiritual weapons. This is the year that I defeat unforgiveness, offense and any other area of spiritual bondage that comes against me, my finances will be stronger and more abundant, my health will be better, my relationships will be stronger and I will be more Christlike in my dealings with others. This is the year I can say that Christ really is being formed in me. These are just examples, but the list could go on and on.

Note that my objective in the decree process is not initially to make the changes, it is to establish targets for me to accomplish in the change process. Any significant change in these things will require the assistance of the Holy Spirit, and my experience is that I am

unable to make any lasting change without his input. However, at this point I just want to decree and establish change. My job is to exercise the authority that I was given by God within the scope of what was given to me, and that begins with a decree.

It is also important with a decree to line it up with God's word, because God's word is sure. **2 Peter 1:19**..... *We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. And* **1 Peter 1:24, 25** ... *The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away; But the word of the Lord endureth forever.* **Heb 11:3** *Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.* God used his more sure word to create everything we see, and we have the authority to use the same more sure word to decree our future. In addition to its being sure, **Jer 1:12** ... *Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.* I want the word that I decree to be a more sure word, I want it to be imperishable, and I want God to hasten to perform it. **Joshua 1:8** ... *This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.* When I mediate the word of God and decree that it shall come to pass over my situation, I get my mind involved in it, my imagination involved in it, my mouth involved in it, I begin to speak rightly over it and God will hasten his word to perform it.

Here are some suggested areas you may wish to make declarations over:

- *Fear*
- *Anger / temper*
- *Jealousy*
- *Finances*
- *Health / sickness*
- *Relationships with spouse / children*
- *Understanding of the Word of God*
- *Increase of faith*
- *Fruitfulness of ministry*

Any other area of life that you wish to have God involved in or that you wish to get authority or victory over