

NEVER SAY NEVER

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Matthew 26:35

You know the phrase. **NEVER SAY NEVER**, while a cliché, it is very true. When people say what they will never do they usually find themselves doing that very thing. God hears every **CARELESS** word we say. **EVERY** careless word that comes from our mouth will be tested and tried.

When you say what you will never do your words will come back to test you. Matthew 12:37 says, "*For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.*" In order to fully grasp the meaning of the scripture, remember this Kingdom law.

THE LAW OF WORDS

Words are like a boomerang. What you say will return back to you sooner or later.

Your words will either **BLESS** you, **CURSE** you or **TEST** you. Saying what you will never do are words of testing. When people say I will **NEVER** apply for a menial job those words will come back to **TEST** them. The circumstances of life will humble you to do what you said you will never do.

Your job can lay you off. The industry you are skilled in may be overwhelmed with competition. God will dry every brook, close every door and harden every heart so your words can condemn you.

IS THIS A FORM OF PRIDE?

You do not know everything the Lord has planned for you. You do not know where He's destined to take you. By saying what you will never do, you are **DICTATING** your life to God rather than God dictating your life to you. This is a form of arrogance that most people are **NOT** aware of.

God created you. He knows your weakness. He knows your temptations. He knows your struggles. Telling Him what you will never do is an insult to His intelligence. When people say what they will never do, God **ENTRAPS** them with their own words so they can see what He **ALREADY** knows.

- **Humble** people accept what the Lord schedules for them.
- **Arrogant** people tell God what they want scheduled.

ARROGANT PETER

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Peter was a bold, audacious and confident person. He had the nerve to tell Jesus what he would **NEVER** do. Peter had good intentions. However, he still spoke to Jesus with the tone of arrogance. Matthew 26:35 says, *"But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will*

NEVER DISOWN you." And all the other disciples said the same."

The destiny God had planned for Peter was **CONTRARY** to the words he spoke. God knew Peter would deny Him three times before the cock crows. Matthew 26:34 says, *"Jesus said unto him, verily I say unto thee, that this night, before the cock crows, thou shalt deny me thrice."* Peter was about to be tested by his **OWN WORDS**.

When Jesus was on the verge of being crucified a servant girl recognized Peter as one of Jesus disciples. As Peter was standing amongst the crowd the servant girl said, *"This man was with Jesus."* However, Peter **DENIED** the allegations and said, *"woman, I do not know him."*

A little later someone else saw Peter and said, *"You also are one of them."* However, Peter responded and said, *"Man, I am not."* Within the interval of an hour another person said, *"Certainly this man also was with him, for he*

too is a Galilean." However, Peter responded again by saying, "*Man, I do not know what you are talking about."*

Peter **DENIED** Jesus three times and was condemned by his words. (Please reference Luke 22:54-62.) Jesus knew that Peter would bow to the power of peer pressure. The problem was that Peter did not know this about himself.

NEVER SAY NEVER! You do not know what you would do if you were **FORCED** to do it. You do not know what you would do under the weight of **PEER PRESSURE**. You do not know what you would do if your back was **AGAINST** the wall. Never say what you won't do because **THAT** is the thing you may have to do.

Peter learned this lesson the hard way. Do not judge a person's actions because you're not walking in their shoes. Do not look down on other people when you are not dealing with their circumstances. Do not give unsolicited advice when no one was seeking your opinion. Most

people swallow the pill of embarrassment and bitterness because they prepared the meal of arrogance.

Be humble and accept God's will for what it is rather than articulate what you will never do!

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