

The Last Word

by Mike Tucker *

A sales manager and two of his sales reps are walking to lunch one day when they come across an antique oil lamp. They rub it and a Genie appears, saying, "I'll give each of you just one wish."

One rep is quick to speak up first. He says, "I want to be in the Bahamas driving a speedboat, without a care in the world." Poof! He's gone.

The next rep speaks up. "I want to be fishing in a stream in the Colorado Rockies." Poof! He's gone.

The genie turns to the sales manager and says, "Your turn."

The manager says, "I want those two back in the office after lunch."

Who has the last word makes a difference, doesn't it? We stand at the beginning of a new year, and the days of 2013 will offer many choices. The question is: who – or what – will have the last word in your life?

Will your choices be driven by ambition, by revenge, or perhaps by mere whim? Or will the Word of God have the final say? Paul said, *"Let the word of Christ dwell richly within you, with all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs..."* (Colossians 3:16)

Paul is saying that as you immerse yourself in scripture, the wisdom of Christ will actually dwell within you. This is not only a wonderful promise, but also wise advice for a new year. It's a resolution you will not regret as you face the choices ahead: Let *God's word* be the last word in your life -- today, and everyday.

With Love,
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