

HOW TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS

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Words kill and words give life; they're either poison or fruit – you choose. (Proverbs 18:21 MSG)

Encourage each other and give each other strength. (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

ENCOURAGEMENT – Life giving WORDS:

- I believe in you...
- I see God doing this in your life...
- I appreciate you because...

ENCOURAGING PEOPLE:

W – <u>WORK</u> on their hearts.

Good people have good things in their hearts so they say good things. But evil people have evil in their hearts, so they say evil things. (Matthew 12:35)

- Acid of bitterness
- Acid of critical words
- Acid of cynicism

O – <u>OVERCOME</u> obstacles.

God told me, "Paul, my grace is enough for you. When you are weak my power is made perfect in you." Now I'm very happy to brag about my weaknesses. Then Christ's power can live in me... because when I am weak then I am truly strong. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

R – <u>RESPOND</u> slowly.

A gentle response defuses anger, but a sharp tongue kindles the temper fire. (Proverbs 15:1)

Watch your words and hold your tongue. You will save yourself a lot of grief. (Proverbs 21:23)

D – <u>DETECT</u> opportunities.

Encourage each other every day while it is still "today." (Hebrews 3:13)

S – <u>SEEK</u> God's wisdom.

Cry out for wisdom and beg for understanding. Search for it like silver. Hunt for it like hidden treasure...Only the Lord gives wisdom. (Proverbs 2:3-4,6)

For God is at work within helping you want to obey Him and then helping you to do what He wants you to do. (Philippians 2:13)

30 Day Commitment to encourage others with your WORDS!