

Spoken Words

"Flatter me, and I may not believe you. Criticize me, and I may not like you. Ignore me, and I may not forgive you. Encourage me, and I will not forget you." -William Arthur Ward.

1. We fuel the light with words that are _____ from the _____. Ecclesiastes 10:12
2. We fuel the light with words that are spoken in a _____.
Proverbs 25:11 (NKJ)
3. Fueling the light with encouragement is something that ___ all ____.

Two suggestions about praying for others:

A. _____. B. Ask for _____.

4. Fuel the light with encouragement by putting _____ into _____ notes, letters, and cards.
5. Fuel the light to _____ with words of encouragement. Colossians 4:5-6
(Ephesians 4:29-30 our words can actually grieve the work of the Holy Spirit.)

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." -Mother Teresa

Encouraging With the Word of God

_____ and _____ the Word to build up the Body of Christ.

_____ the Word of God. Sing songs that have God's Word in them. Ephesians 5:19

_____ is also intended for encouragement. 1 Corinthians 14:3

_____ with those who have specific needs.

_____ such as the Bible Promise Book. If someone is feeling defeated or rundown.

Philippians 4:13, If they are struggling with finances, Philippians 4:19. Sickness, 3 John 1:2. Guilt, Romans 8:1

Encouraging Others With the Way We Live Our Lives

"Go out today and preach the gospel...and if you must, use words." -St. Francis of Assisi

Your Encouraging _____ Acts 28:15-16

Hero or Zero? Which type of person are you? Your life will be an encouragement to others or a discouragement. Acts 4:36 ...Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement").

Next Step: Today I will make it my purpose to be an encouragement to others, asking the Holy Spirit to help me fuel the light in others with encouragement. Romans 1:12

Life App Group and Family Devotional Application

1. Give an example of a **Spoken Word** of encouragement that really fueled you to shine bright.
2. Share a time when you have used your encouraging words to help someone else.
3. If someone asks you to pray for them, what two things did Pastor Scott say you should do?
4. Who are the card and note writers in this group? How do you go about encouraging others with your cards and notes?
Has someone ever encouraged you with a note that was timely and just what you needed?
5. Why should we speak encouraging words to unbelievers?
6. How can you use the **Word of God** to encourage others?
7. How can we encourage others with the **Way We Live Our Lives**?
8. Who was known in the Bible as the "son of encouragement"? Would people call you that?
9. If I asked someone else about you, would they say you were an encouragement or not? Hero or Zero?
10. Which of the Three Ways of Encouragement mentioned do you use the most, or like others to use on you?

Answers: spoken – heart / timely – manner / we – can – do / Pray – Immediately – Updates / your – words – written – unbelievers / Preaching – Teaching / Singing / Prophecy / Sharing – Scriptures / Scriptural – Helps / Presence