

Words that Build

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Vision to Build

- In our own lives
- In our church and communities
- In our nation

One of the most powerful ways to build,
is by the **words** we speak and pray.

*The tongue has the **power of life** and death,
and those who love it will eat its fruit.*

Proverbs 18:21 | NIV

*The soothing tongue is a **tree of life**,
but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit.*

Proverbs 15:4 | NIV

*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your
mouths, but only what is helpful for **building others up**
according to their needs, that it may benefit those who
listen.*

Ephesians 4:29 | NIV

God builds with His words

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, “*Let there be light,*” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. **God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.”** **And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day**

We are Family

Romans 12:10-13

Be devoted to one another with [authentic] ***brotherly affection*** [as members of one family], give preference to one another in honour; never lagging behind in diligence; aglow in the Spirit, enthusiastically serving the Lord; constantly rejoicing in hope [because of our confidence in Christ], steadfast and patient in distress, devoted to prayer [continually seeking wisdom, guidance, and strength], 13 **contributing to the needs of God's people, pursuing [the practice of] hospitality.**

Romans 12:10 (ESV)

Love one another with **brotherly affection**.

Outdo one another in showing honour.

- ***Philostorgoi* = love**
comfortable, at home,
no awkward silences or self-awareness
- ***Philadelphia* = brotherly affection**
familiar, deep bonds,
squabbles and irritations,
“you mess with him, you mess with me”

“OUTDO one another in showing honour”

love to honour more than to be honoured

Honour:

- regard with great respect or hold in great respect,
- hold in high esteem,
- respect,
- admire,
- look up to,
- think highly of: appreciate, value, prize, cherish

1 Peter 3:8-12 (MSG)

8-12 Summing up: Be agreeable, be sympathetic, be loving, be compassionate, **be humble**. That goes for all of you, no exceptions. No retaliation. No sharp-tongued sarcasm. Instead, **blessthat's your job, to bless.**

You'll be a blessing and also get a blessing.

1 John 3:16

This is how we have come to know love: He laid down His life for us. **We should also lay down our lives for our brothers.**

Called to Love and Not to Judge

“Don’t judge others because they sin differently than you.”

Danny Silk

We judge other people because their sin looks different than ours...

as Christians we don't have
the luxury not to love
or honour the people
we don't like.

Romans 12: 4-10, 14-19, 21 (MSG)

4-6 In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around. The body we're talking about is Christ's body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelously functioning parts in Christ's body, **let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be**, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't.

6-8 If you preach, just preach God's Message, nothing else; if you help, just help, don't take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching; if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don't get bossy; if you're put in charge, don't manipulate; if you're called to give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don't let yourself get irritated with them or depressed by them. Keep a smile on your face.

9-10 Love from the centre of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle...

14-16 Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody.

17-19 Don't hit back; **discover beauty in everyone**. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it." ...

21...Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.

Speak life

CREATE A CULTURE OF HONOUR

Use Words that Build

1 Thessalonians 5:9-21

9 For God has not appointed us to [incur His] wrath [He did not select us to condemn us], but [that we might] obtain [His] salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)

10 Who died for us so that whether we are still alive or are dead [at Christ's appearing], we might live together with Him and share His life.

11 Therefore **encourage** (admonish, exhort) one another and **edify** (strengthen and build up) one another, ***just as you are doing.***

12 Now also we beseech you, brethren, **get to know** those who labour among you [recognize them for what they are, acknowledge and appreciate and respect them all]—your leaders who are over you in the Lord and those who warn and kindly reprove and exhort you.

13 And hold them in very high and most affectionate esteem in [intelligent and sympathetic] appreciation of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

14 And we earnestly beseech you, brethren, **admonish** (warn and seriously advise) those who are out of line [the loafers, the disorderly, and the unruly]; **encourage** the timid and fainthearted, **help and give your support** to the weak souls, [and] be very patient with everybody [always keeping your temper].

15 See that none of you repays another with evil for evil, but always aim to show kindness and seek to do good to one another and to everybody.

Embrace Inspired Instruction, Exhortation or Warning

1Thessalonians 5: 19-21

19 Do not quench (suppress or subdue) the [Holy] Spirit;

20 Do not spurn the gifts and utterances of the prophets [**do not depreciate prophetic revelations nor despise inspired instruction or exhortation or warning**].

21 But test and prove all things [until you can recognize] what is good; [to that] hold fast.

Test the Words

Matthew 12:20 (MSG)

I've placed my Spirit on him;
he'll **decree justice** to the nations.

But he won't yell, won't raise his voice;
there'll be no commotion in the streets.

**He won't walk over anyone's feelings,
won't push you into a corner.**

Before you know it, his justice will triumph;

**“A bruised reed He will not break, a smouldering wick
He will not put out...”** (NIV)

*Words
build and create*

What is a biblical term for speaking life?

What was Ezekiel to do with the army of
dead bones?

Why Prophecy?

1 Cor 14:3 (AMP)

³ But [on the other hand] the one who prophesies speaks to people for **edification** [to promote their spiritual growth] and [speaks words of] **encouragement** [to uphold and advise them concerning the matters of God] and [speaks words of] **consolation** [to compassionately comfort them].

- edify / **build up** / strengthen
 - exhort / encourage
 - comfort / help the weak
 - admonish / warn

(the *unruly, disorderly, loafers* - 1 Thessalonians 5:9-15)

You need to KNOW people to be able to distinguish between the weak who need comfort and the loafers, disorderly and unruly.

How do we love and build into
imperfect, failing people?

Christ in us, the Hope of Glory

Colossians 1:24-29

²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings on your behalf. And with my own body I supplement whatever is lacking [on our part] of Christ's afflictions, **on behalf of His body, which is the church.** ²⁵ In *this church* I was made a minister according to the stewardship which God entrusted to me for your sake, so that I might make the word of God fully known [among you]— ²⁶ *that is*, the mystery which was hidden [from angels and mankind] for ages and generations, but has now been revealed to His saints (God's people).

²⁷ God [in His eternal plan] chose to make known to them how great for the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is **Christ in *and* among you, the hope *and* guarantee of [realizing the] glory.** ²⁸ We proclaim Him, warning and instructing everyone in all wisdom [that is, with comprehensive insight into the word and purposes of God], so that we may present every person complete in Christ [mature, fully trained, and perfect in Him—the Anointed]. ²⁹ For this I labour [often to the point of exhaustion], striving with His power *and* energy, which so greatly works within me.

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