

7th Grade Devotional 3



Words are powerful.

We use them to express our deepest emotions. We use them to explain the most intricate details. We use them to instruct and impart knowledge. We use them to inspire. They can make us laugh. They can make us cry. We can think it, we can feel it, we can suspect it, but once it is put into words and spoken it seems final.

With words, God spoke all that is, into being. Words are powerful. We use them to affirm one's value. We withhold them to express disapproval and inflict pain. "We haven't spoken in years," expresses volumes about a relationship, as does, "we talk every day."

Many people invest every ounce of their energy and effort for their entire lifetime hoping to hear the three small words, "I love you." They cling to any word that expresses their value and importance.

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With the three small words, *"It is finished,"* Jesus sealed the salvation by grace through faith for all who believe. And with the words, *"depart from me, I never knew you,"* final judgment will be passed on those who do not.

Use your words as an instrument of blessing. Let your words impart grace and mercy, peace and hope. Use them to encourage and build up those around you and express the love that God has placed in your life.

Make this your constant prayer.

Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, Yahweh, my rock, and my redeemer. For the Chief Musician.

Parents:

Look for creative ways for you to speak blessing into your student's life through your words. You can use your words by leaving notes for them to discover in their lunch at school or by affirming them every morning with your words on the way to school. However you choose to bless them, make sure you are not simply complementing them on their achievements. Let them know how special they are to you and to God.