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Mean What You Say

(Luke 21:15) NIV For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.

Dear friends,

Lately I have really been thinking about words and how we should try to use them to convey what we are really thinking. David says "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in your sight" (Psalms 9:14) For instance, if I am saying to someone that they can not be a part of our ministry because of something they did or said, it would sound like I was kicking them out of our ministry, right? But what I really mean is that they can't be a part of our

A true friend will be there for you through thick and thin and through good times and bad. It isn't too difficult to be friends with someone when life is filled with happiness and peace. It is something altogether different to have a friend who shares in your sadness and stays beside you even when things aren't going well.

When strong friendships exist, mutual caring is evident. Doing things for one another, without expecting to have something done in return, is a sign of genuine friendship. So is being thoughtful and listening to friends when they need to open up.

leadership team because there are higher standards for that particular role. We should be very careful to mean what we say. Don't assume that people will automatically get what you are saying. Make sure that you are conveying exactly what you are meaning. Never let there be any doubt as to what you are saying. Be clear and direct in your words. Don't let the enemy have any room to play with people's thoughts about what you said. People need to understand what you are trying to say to them. Something that I have found out in dealing with people in ministry for over twenty years is that they appreciate honesty. Words carry weight. Life and death is in the power of the tongue. (Proverbs 18:21)

Mean what you say!!

Sincerely yours,

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Schedule

New Day Christian Centre

Baton Rouge, LA

August 28 - September 3

LifeSpring Worship Center

Bloomington, GA

September 18 AM & PM services

URC Campmeeting

Wilton, AL

September 28 - October 2

When a friend is going through troubled times, being there to encourage them, even if it's just being a shoulder to cry on or to simply listen, can make all the difference in the world. Even when things are going great, having someone recognize and appreciate your accomplishments can be just as important. With so much emphasis placed on success and accomplishment in this day and age, having someone to witness your achievements can make even the minor victories meaningful.

Sometimes, friendship can be tested. We have all had a trusted friend that let us down. Just remember that we are all human and we can make mistakes. Forgiveness is important to maintain a good friendship. Have you ever made a mistake? Have you always lived up to your highest potential? Sometimes, we can be the problem that causes rifts between friendships. Learning how to deal with our own faults and owning up to it, is a good start for a good friendship.

If you are surrounding yourself with people you can't trust, or people that never celebrate who you are and your potential, it may be time to find new friends. Don't look for someone that will lie to you and tell you how great you are, but find someone that appreciates who you are in God and recognizes your accomplishments and your failures. Everyone needs to have a person that will stick with you in any

situation.

Be a true friend to someone. Let them know you love them and care for them. Don't just say, 'I'm your friend', but show them. It could be the very thing that helps them go forward instead of sinking in despair. Be like Jesus! He is a friend that sticks closer than a brother.

My thought for the day:

"My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me."---Henry Ford

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