

**WHAT
DO YOU
SAY?**

Our words are powerful.

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

Proverbs 18:21 NIV

The Power of Encouraging Words

**Everyone is someone who
needs encouragement.**

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Fear, Frustration, Fatigue, Failure

Because everyone around us needs encouragement, every one of us needs to be an encourager.

Positive words are difficult to remember. Negative words are difficult to forget.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT:

- *You've got this*
- *I believe in you*
- *Hang in there*
- *It will be worth it*
- *I'm with you*
- *You're gifted*
- *Stay strong*
- *Don't give up*
- *You're great*
- *Great job, really*
- *God is using you*
- *You are special*

Gracious words are a honeycomb,
sweet to the soul and **healing** to
the bones.

Proverbs 16:24 NIV

The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings **healing**.

Proverbs 12:18 NIV

Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called **Barnabas** (which means “son of encouragement”), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.

Acts 4:36,37 NIV

ENCOURAGEMENT PRINCIPLE:

When it comes to encouragement,
those closest should
get the most(est).

When **he** came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all **afraid** of him, not believing that he really was a disciple.

Acts 9:26 NIV

But **Barnabas** took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly...

Acts 9:27 NIV

ENCOURAGEMENT PRINCIPLE:

Don't ever be afraid
to believe in people.

News of this reached the church
in Jerusalem, and they sent
Barnabas to Antioch.

Acts 11:22 NIV

When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.

Acts 11:23 NIV

ENCOURAGEMENT PRINCIPLE:

Celebrate what's right more than
you critique what's wrong.

Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.”

Acts 15:36 NIV

Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, but Paul did not think it **wise** to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work.

Acts 15:37,38 NIV

They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. **Barnabas** took Mark and sailed for Cyprus,

Acts 15:39 NIV

ENCOURAGEMENT PRINCIPLE:

Don't allow people's past
to affect what you believe
about their future.

The best way to learn how to encourage others is to learn how to encourage yourself.