

USING MY WORDS

GOLDEN RULE – Do Unto Others – Part 2

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Good people bless and build up their city, but the wicked can destroy it with their words. Proverbs 11:11 (NCV)

Words kill, and words give life; they're either poison or fruit – you choose. Proverbs 18:21 (MSG)

HOW CAN I BLESS OTHERS WITH MY WORDS?

1. I can use my words to show courtesy.

Believers shouldn't curse anyone or be quarrelsome, but they should be gentle and show courtesy to everyone. Titus 3:2 (ESV)

Treat everyone you meet with dignity. 1 Peter 2:17 (MSG)

Excel in showing respect for each other. Romans 12:10 (GW)

Who will I bless this way?

2. I can use my words to offer mercy.

When people sin, you should forgive and comfort them, so they won't give up in despair. 2 Corinthians 2:7 (CEV)

Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Colossians 3:13 (LB)

When someone stumbled, you lifted him up with your words. Job 4:4a (GW)

God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Matthew 5:7 (NLT)

Who will I bless this way?

3. I can use my words to express sympathy.

As holy people... be sympathetic – kind, humble, gentle, and patient. Colossians 3:12 (GW)

Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2 (NLT)

Go easy on those who hesitate in the faith. Jude 1:22 (MSG)

A despairing man should have the devotion of his friends, even though he forsakes the fear of the Almighty. Job 6:14 (NIV)

Who will I bless this way?

4. I can use my words to speak honestly.

An honest answer is a sign of true friendship. Proverbs 24:26 (CEV)

...we will speak the truth in love... Ephesians 4:15a (NLT)

Brothers and sisters, if someone in your group does something wrong... go to that person and gently help make him right again. Galatians 6:1 (NCV)

In the end, people appreciate frankness more than flattery. Proverbs 28:23 (LB)

Who will I bless this way?

5. I can use my words to affirm expectantly.

Encourage one another and build each other up. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

If you love someone... you will always expect the best of him. 1 Corinthians 13:7b (LB)

Who will I bless this way?