

Change Your Words, Change Your World

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QUOTES

“The best and most clear indicator that we are progressing spiritually and coming unto Christ is the way we treat other people.” (Elder Marvin J. Ashton)

“I met a sister who told me that her nonmember husband had been accompanying her to church for 12 years but had never consented to be baptized. “What should I do?” she asked. I counseled her to keep doing all the right things and to be kind to her husband. About a month later she wrote me a letter: “Dear Elder Oaks, I realized I hadn’t been very kind during those 12 years. So, I practiced real hard for over a month, and he got baptized.” Her letter continued, “I am trying to be even kinder now because we are working on a temple sealing!” 6 years later, he was ordained bishop. (Elder Oaks, October 2014)

SCRIPTURES

- Genesis 13:8 “But Abraham said unto Lot, ‘Let there be no strife, for we be brethren...”
- 3 Nephi 11:29 “He that hath the spirit of contention is not of me, but is of the devil, who is the father of contention. He stirreth up the hearts of men to contend with anger, one with another.”
- 1 Peter 4:8 “Charity shall cover the multitude of sins.”
- 1 Ne 19:9 “And the world, because of their iniquity, shall scourge him, and he suffereth it; and they smite him, and he suffereth it. Yea, they spit upon him, and he suffereth it, because of his loving kindness towards the children of men.”

THOUGHTS

- Don’t settle for just being a *Christian* or a *Mormon* – be a *Disciple*.
- The Tongue: It’s one of your strongest muscles. Use yours to lift other people
- Before you speak, type or act, T.H.I.N.K.: Is it...True? Helpful? Inspiring? Necessary? Kind?
- ANGER is just one letter away from DANGER.
- Often, the key to other people’s happiness is in your pocket.

RECOMMENDED READING

- The Tongue of Angels, Elder Jeffrey R. Holland, April 2004
- The Words We Speak, Sister Rosemary M. Wixom, April 2013
- Your Name Is Safe in Our Home, Elder Cree-L Kofford, April 1999
- Language: A Divine Way of Communicating, Elder Charles A. Didier, October 1979
- Christlike Communications, L. Lionel Kendrick, October 1988