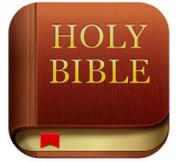


# The Good Word



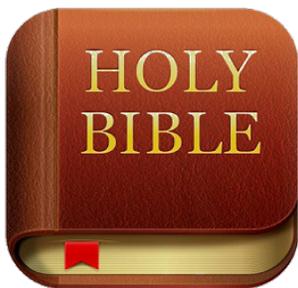
*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.  
Ephesians 4:32*

Encouragement. We all like it. In fact, we need it. Scripture tells us to build each other up. ***Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11.***

The Lord knew that one day, each one of us would need to be encouraged, that's why He included these verses in the Bible. A kind word. A pat on the back. A heartfelt compliment. A smile faced emoji sent in a text message. All are great ways to encourage and build up someone.



Since the majority of our communicating, now is done through text messaging, emojis can play a part in encouraging someone and making them smile. Just in case you don't know what an emoji is, it's that cute little pictogram on your cell phone. These little pictures can add some emotion and feeling to your text message. There is a "praying hands" emoji, which is one of the top ten (out of over 3500) emojis used-according to Google. That praying hands emoji is a great way to encourage someone in a text message and let them know you are praying for them.



Another great way to encourage someone is to share God's Word with them. Add a Bible verse to your message, or better yet, call them and remind them of God's love for them. Pray with them and for them. Recall to their memory that: ***There is nothing too hard for our God. Jeremiah 32:17.*** Our God can do anything! God's Word is a good way to encourage others.

We live in an angry world full of negativity and criticism. We have an opportunity to show others the love of Christ. We, like the emojis, can offer smiles and encouragement to others. Everyone can use a smile and a kind word. ***Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, but a good word makes it glad. Proverbs 12:25.***

We, here at The Christian Center, want to thank you for the ways that you encourage us. Thank you for praying for us and supporting this ministry. Please continue to pray for us as we share God's Word and encourage our young athletes this summer.

And remember: a good word, from God's Word, makes a heart glad.



God bless,  
*The Christian Center Staff*