



A WORD'S WORTH OF JOY

“A picture is worth a thousand words,” but what is the worth of a single word? This famous saying is commonly used, but one must also realize how much conviction and strength even one word can carry. For example, “yes” and “no” can mean the difference between consent and dissent; going and staying; admittance and denial; and so on. “I do” can be the start of a wonderful marriage. Words can be used for bad and good. As easily as one can cheer someone up, give warm support, and make someone laugh, the opposite is also true; words may be woven into deceitful lies, burn away bridges, and leave deep emotional wounds onto others. Therefore, even a single word should not be taken for granted.

“A single word can help save others.”

All humans who live on this planet receive blessings in many states, shapes, and forms. God the Parent, who created us human beings, continues to give us all of these blessings regardless of time, weather, and location. Our appearances do not matter, nor does our social status; we all are children of God the Parent. One's happiness should not start and end with oneself. Such joy is exclusive of everyone else and may come at the expense of others. True joy results from helping others experience joy and having that reciprocated back to you by God the Parent and your fellow brothers and sisters.

Make a difference by using the power of words to brighten one's day. A simple "good morning" or "thank you," some kind words to a stranger, or a friendly compliment, spoken with the right attitude can show people your spirit of joy.

A picture could be worth a thousand words. But a single word can mean even more. That's all that it takes to make a difference.

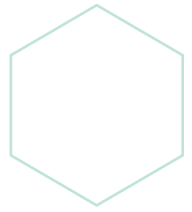


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