

March Devotional: Showing Appreciation, by Jerry Furniss

I could spend a lifetime doing devotionals on 'appreciation', and as some of you know, I have done a few. But as you also know, talk is cheap. If we are truly Christians, we need to show our appreciation.

I Corinthians 16:18 "They have comforted me, and they have comforted you. Therefore, show people like these your appreciation."

So I have a suggestion. Let's give it up for Lent. Take that silent 'thank you' and get it out. For Lent this year let's all go out each and every day (40 days from Ash Wednesday this week, until Easter Sunday) and **show** our appreciation to at least one person. There are many ways to show your thanks. It can be anything from a sincere 'thank you', to a hug, or a kiss, or lunch, or maybe a flower. I personally like to give out lifesavers and remind others that Jesus was a life savior. Also, to really get the point across, you really need to show how sincere you are, and while you are at it, go into some detail about why you are thanking them. This truly shows others that you have put some thought into your appreciation of their effort.

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