

Words That Count Every Day

God created the world with words. We create our world the same way every day.

Readers' Digest article, man wrote: "Our pastor was teaching Proverbs 16:24: 'Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.' The minister then added, 'You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.' My wife leaned over, put her head on my shoulder and whispered in my ear, 'I just love to watch your muscles ripple when you're taking out the garbage.'"

EXHORTING WORDS

1 Thessalonians 5:14, *"And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone."*

The first time **Jay Leno** met **Johnny Carson**, Leno was working at The Comedy Store. After his stand-up act was finished, Carson said: "You seem like a very funny young man, but you don't have enough jokes." Leno was devastated.

Then he watched the Tonight Show and noticed Johnny did 15-20 jokes a night. Leno was relying on only 3-4 jokes and clowning between them for his laughs. A few years later, Leno replaced Carson and the exhortation that Johnny gave him may have been the reason.

ENCOURAGING WORDS

Hebrews 10:24-25, *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

William Barclay comments: "One of the highest of human duties is the duty of encouragement. It is easy to pour cold water on their enthusiasm; it is easy to discourage others. The world is full of discouragers. We have a Christian duty to encourage one another."

ETERNAL WORDS

1 Peter 3:15, *"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,"*

The Lord's Prayer – **56** words; the Gettysburg Address – **266** words; the 10 Commandments – **297** words; the Declaration of Independence – **300** words; a recent US government order setting the price of cabbage – **26,911** words.

There are 3 huge gates entering the Cathedral of Milan. Over one is an inscription under a bouquet of flowers that reads "The things that please are temporary." Over the second is a cross with the inscription: "The things that disturb us are temporary." Over the central gate is the biggest inscription: "Eternal things are the important things."