

# What You Said!

It was a Sunday morning just like any other Sunday morning, but that day was different. Don't ask me what was different. It just was. Perhaps it was a feeling of despair. Perhaps I was just feeling unnecessarily gloomy. Perhaps it was the extra cheese dip I ate before I went to bed the night before! I guess I just had the "Blahs". (*Don't tell me you don't know what the "Blahs" are!*)

But then you came up to me. You took my hand in yours. You looked square into my eyes. You told me you appreciated me! WOW! No more "Blahs"!! Why did those few chosen words dispel a feeling that was haunting, lingering, waiting to darken me?

Because "*A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!*" **Proverbs 15:23**

Solomon wrote those words. He was gifted by God with great Wisdom! When the Queen of the Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon's wisdom, she came to test him with hard questions. When she saw all of his "*glory*" and his great wisdom she said, "*...behold, the half was not told me...*" **I Kings 10:1 – 7**

When Solomon said that it makes a true DIFFERENCE when you say the right words, he was stating one of his most profound truths! Why go up to someone and say something ugly or critical? It ruins their day (*maybe even longer*)! You could just as easily had said, "*I'm proud of you*" or "*I'm so glad to see you*" or "*You look so happy today*" or "*You make me feel so good*"... The list of kind expressions is endless!!!!

**What you said** this morning made a difference in the hearer's attitude. Think about it. What did you say to your wife, husband, child, or friend? Then we wonder why everyone we meet is so unkind and grouchy!!

Even those who are truly grouchy need a kind word! Try it today! Share a "*word spoken in due season*" and see just exactly "*how good it is!*"