

March 11, 2018  
Love Like Confetti  
Part 3: Be an Encourager  
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1. Pastor Byron Williams says: “Americans regularly lose an hour sleep or more due to games in OT, award shows that run long, election results, and general frivolity. But DST comes along and you’d think everyone was being made to sleep on concrete bunks with a single blub burning all night long.” How do you feel when Daylight Savings Time begins and ends each year?

2. As a result of this series, have you been any more aware of loving “like confetti?”

3. Who is the best encourager you know?

4. Proverbs 16:24 says, “Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and healthy to the body.”

\*In what way are our souls and bodies benefitted by gracious words?

\*Do you know anyone actually unhealthy because he or she hears no gracious words?

5. What unkind words have hurt you or someone you know?

6. Gladys Hunt has written a book about children and reading called “Honey for a Child’s Heart.” God took his people into a land flowing with “milk and honey.” What is the symbolism behind those two words and how are they apt in these contexts and when you think about the Kingdom of God? (**Milk suggests physical nourishment; honey goes beyond sustenance to enjoyment and delight.**)

7. What is the difference in a Christian most would call positive and one most would consider toxic? How do you deal with toxic words?

8. What does your “mouth” or your media posts say about your heart?

9. Adam mentioned (and we were handed a bookmark) several types of “mouths” and the heart condition that might correspond with them. Six were negative; three were positive. List as many as you can.

<b>Gossiping Mouth</b>	=	<b>Man Pleasing Heart</b>
<b>Filthy Mouth</b>	=	<b>Impure Heart</b>
<b>Critical Mouth</b>	=	<b>Bitter Heart</b>
<b>Boasting Mouth</b>	=	<b>Insecure Heart</b>
<b>Negative Mouth</b>	=	<b>Fearful Heart</b>
<b>Slandering Mouth</b>	=	<b>Angry Heart</b>
<b>Judging Mouth</b>	=	<b>Guilty Heart</b>
<b>Controlled Mouth</b>	=	<b>Peaceful Heart</b>
<b>Gentle Mouth</b>	=	<b>Loving Heart</b>
<b>Encouraging Mouth</b>	=	<b>Joyful Heart</b>

10. Read or recall Acts 15:36-40 where Barnabas, called Son of Encouragement, took John Mark on a mission journey when Paul would not because Mark had turned back on their previous journey. Then read II Timothy 4:11, where Paul, preparing to die, asks Timothy for some things. What do his words in 4:11 tell us about John Mark at this time in Paul's life? What could have made the difference? What does this say to us?

**(Mark had grown up and became a help in ministry possibly because Barnabas did not give up on him. Mark and Paul were reconciled so much so that Paul asked for him in his last days.)**