

## *Don't Just Say It...Live It!*

Once a year we say 'Merry Christmas', 'peace on earth, good will to man', 'Happy Easter' and at every Mass a prayer of 'Peace be with you', 'may God bless you'. But do we really mean what we are saying? Do we say it just to say it, or do we live it?

**"I meant what I said and I said what I meant." Dr. Seuss**

It seems that we uphold a society that says one thing, but means another and has no intention of following through with either. Do you remember what your New Year's resolution was, or is it but a distant memory only to be recalled come January 1, 2015? Do we cast aside what is important for the next big thing? Which is not just the latest fashion or the newest sound...it's also the words we say, the things we do and whether or not we follow through.

**"Let your yes mean yes, and your no mean no." Matthew 5:37**

Do you allow others to speak for you...or do you speak for yourself? Do you allow society to dictate your life, with what you should wear, what you say, what you should believe and how you should measure up?

Are your words, just words and nothing more...or are your words worth a little more? When you allow God to become the center of your life and all that you say and do, your words and actions take on more meaning. Your character grows as God enriches your soul with meaning and purpose. To live a life, not caring about what others think or say of you, is good; but it's even better instead to strive to live a life caring about how others respond to you and the way to live. Live not only in promise of how you should live tomorrow, or down the road, but put it into practice today.

**"To live your every day with conviction in the presence of God is the only way to live."**

**"I wanna speak your love, not just another noise. Oh, I wanna be your light, I want to be your voice. Let my words be life, let my words be truth. I don't wanna a word unless it points the world back to You." Hawk Nelson**

Let us say the words that are longing to be heard. Let us speak with the depth of meaning. Let us act with clarity and wisdom. Let us always respond with love.

*All powerful God,  
may all that I say and do be for your greater glory.  
When I speak, let my words speak only truth.  
When I act, help me to act in accordance with your will.  
Help me to live as I promise and love as you desire.  
May my every moment here on earth, be an example of you.  
Amen.*