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The Card-Sender

Comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing. -
1 Thess. 5:11

Christians find it easy to offer a word of comfort or encouragement to another in times of sorrow. But for others, finding the right words is nearly impossible, so they send their words of cheer by way of cards.

Some can serve others very well as card-senders. Even someone who appears to be strong and well may need a lift. On the surface, a person may seem fine — especially a professional. But beneath that “doing great” exterior may be a spirit so bowed down that it’s ready to give up hope. A card can help.

The following illustrates. A woman's personal problems were enormous. She was dealing with tough issues from her past. Her husband had emotionally withdrawn from her. The family was in financial trouble. Somehow she kept up a good front at work, even though she was thinking of suicide. Then she received a greeting card from her boss with these handwritten words: “I don't know what we'd do without you. Thank you for being so competent and helpful.”

After she commented, “I framed that card and put it up in my kitchen. It's like a pat on the back that says, ‘You're okay!’”

Send a card of good cheer. Write that note. Offer that word of encouragement in the name of Christ. Give that pat on the back to a person needing encouragement. You may be giving someone just the lift he or she needs.

It was only a brief little note,

with a sentiment prayerfully spoken,

but not in vain, for it soothed the pain

of a heart that nearly was broken. —Anon.



