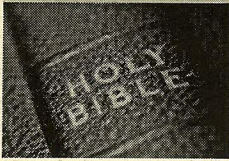


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The Card-Sender

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

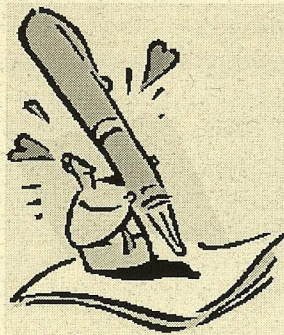
Some Christians find it easy to offer a word of comfort or encouragement to another in times of sorrow. But for others, finding the right words is nearly impossible, so they send their words of cheer by way of cards.

We can serve others very well as card-senders. Even someone who appears to be doing well may need a lift. On the surface, a person may seem fine — especially at church. 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.

Let me illustrate. 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 Her husband had emotionally withdrawn from her.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.”

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

So 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,

Yet not in vain, for it soothed the pain

Of a heart that nearly was broken. —Anon.

