



## ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS.

MATTHEW 5:16

*In the process of reading my devotions, I came across this story that elucidated this topic perfectly. Here is what it said,*

“A guy had a doorbell hooked up to a big buzzer in the back room. The buzzer was really loud. He wanted to change it and put a light there instead that would illuminate when somebody pushed the doorbell. So he rigged it up to do just that.

The problem was the light would barely illuminate. He could not figure out what was wrong, so he called an electrician friend. His friend looked at it and told him, “Oh, you don’t understand. It takes more power to shine than it does to make noise.”



*As Christians, we always have the right “godly words” to disclose and we know what scripture to pull for every situation. Nevertheless, those things are great! Do we care for each other enough? There is a quote by Theodore Roosevelt that states...*

“People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.”

*If we repeatedly proclaim that follow Christ and pray for the hungry but never make the effort to feed them. How much are we really doing? I’m not saying prayer is not essential,*

*but if we are not fulfilling what we are declaring then our words are dead, and we are hypocrites. In James 2:14-17 says this..*

**“What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, it is dead.”**

*Does that conclude that you ought to go clothe and feed every person you see that is without? No, not at all (Unless God is calling you to do so)! What it does mean is that we need to be reaching out. Being different by being attentive to people when they are talking, serving at work when no one will. Purchasing someone’s lunch because you want to bless them, and simply being benevolent, even if it means to those who are hateful to you.*

*Being observant for ways to “be Jesus” to others, it is not easy, but Jesus never expressed it was going to be **(Matthew 10:22)**. It takes more effort to Shine than it does to make noise and doing it for Jesus makes it worth it.*



*What are you going to do differently to shine this week?*