

Words to Live By

Synopsis

The objective of this book is to encourage the reader to seek out, compile, and live life according to a set of “Words” they can be proud of... A set of “Words” which encourages Hope... A set of “Words” which leaves a Legacy of a life others can follow, with a “Can Do Mentality.” It is my hope that this book will serve as the catalyst for you, the reader to create a life lived on purpose following God’s will. To define your meaning of success and achievement based upon the relationships you have, seek, and nurture with others. To become an “Overcomer” and “Never Give Up” when faced with the inevitable hurdles, obstacles, and disappointments we all experience in life.

It seems that I have been writing this book all my life. My list of Words that follow have defined, inspired, and led me through this journey. The Words on my list have at times encouraged me to continue striving when all seemed lost or pointless, consoled me during times of distress and pain, and have provided the seed for countless dreams and aspirations.

Today the title of “Influencer” is a label given to internet/social media stars who have a certain number of online followers. Followers who base their political, social, economic, and even buying decisions on the online postings of these internet stars. I too have Influencers on my life. My Influencers are those people who have lived their lives based on the principles of faith, a positive outlook on life, a “never say quit attitude,” and a strong character. While not perfect, the lives of these individuals have provided me with the core principles of “My Words.” I will provide a brief summary of why they are important to me and list a few of their “Words.” The list of individuals I have included are my influencers, not based upon socially popular blogs, but rather on lives lived with purpose.

The book will be divided into the following chapters:

Chapter One: My Journey

For some perspective on the makeup of my List I want to provide the reader with a brief summary of my life and the major events that shaped the compilation of my “Words.” It is a story of God’s Grace, my failures, and achievements. It is a story of beginning again and again despite the obstacles and meeting the challenges of life head on.

Chapter Two: Words Have Power

To understand the impact words can have on our lives one just needs to recall a word spoken by a parent, mentor, or coach. Admonitions, criticisms, and encouragements can stay with you for years and even play a role in shaping your life. This chapter will focus on two areas, first,

God's Words and second how we can "Move Mountains" with kind words. The ultimate example of the power of words is this: God spoke the words which created the universe we live in.

Chapter Three: My Words to Live By

In this section I will list the words which have shaped not only my life, but the lives of successful people throughout history. While some "Words" hold more importance than others, I will list all which have had a role influencing my journey through life. Some "Words" will simply be defined while others will be elaborated on with personal stories.

The "Words" will be divided into the following sections:

- Faith
- Teamwork
- Laughter
- Never Give Up
- Positive Mental Attitude
- Planning to Succeed
- Political and Economic Beliefs/Something to Stand For
- Character Traits

Chapter Four: My Influencers

My influencers include people who are recognized by just about everyone and those lesser-known individuals who, through a personal relationship, have impacted my life. I will explain why they are important to me and share some of their "Words." The lives of these "Influencers" have truly been a source of strength for me and an example of how to meet the challenges of life head on. My influencers include:

- A.B. Bonds, former President of Baldwin-Wallace College
- **David Crockett, Congressman, Frontiersman, Defender at battle of the Alamo**
- **Winston Churchill: former British Prime Minister**
- Peter J Daniels: Australian Christian Businessman, Motivational Speaker, Consultant, and Author
- Zig Ziglar: American Businessman, Motivational Speaker, and Author
- Thomas Edison: American Businessman and Inventor
- Harland Sanders: American Businessman, Inventor, and Founder of Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC)

- The Wright Brothers: American Businessmen, Inventors, and Developers of first Practical Powered Airplane
- **Rush Limbaugh: American Businessman, Conservative Icon, and Talk Radio Legend**
- **George Washington: General, First U.S. President, Founding Father**
- Abraham Lincoln: Lawyer, President of the U.S. during the Civil War
- **Ronald Reagan: Actor, Governor, U.S. President**
- **Martin Luther King: Minister, Evangelist, Civil Rights leader**

Chapter Five: Your “Words to Live By” Project

This final chapter will provide the framework for you to compile your own personal “List.” The chapter is really a guided action plan for you to complete your “List” in four simple steps:

Step One: Getting Prepared for Success

Step Two: Brainstorming Sessions

Step Three: Compiling Your List

Step Four: Putting Your “Words to Live By” in Action

My goal is to help you not only compile a list of “Words to Live By” but to create a life lived on purpose. A life that is constantly seeking out new ways to have a positive effect on this world directed by the guiding hand of a Loving God. Come along with me on this Journey to Discover “Your Words to Live By.”