

## *The Word of the Duke*

Shortly before his death, the Duke of Burgundy was presiding over the Cabinet Council of France. A proposal was made that would violate an existing treaty but would secure important advantages for the country.

Many “good” reasons were offered to justify this action. The Duke listened in silence. When all had spoken, he closed the conference without giving approval. Placing his hand on a copy of the original agreement, he said with firmness in his voice, “Gentlemen, we have a treaty!”

It is a strong temptation these days to abandon our word in favor of personal advantage or financial gain. We see it happening often as we watch news reports on television or read accounts in the newspaper.

As Christians, however, our responsibility is to remain true to our word so that our Lord is glorified.

So, when you give your word, keep it.

*Let your “Yes” be “Yes,” and your “No,” “No” (Matthew 5:37).*

– Beecher Hunter