

## When Words Count Most

Facebook blogger Jackie Hooper hosted a page entitled *The Things You Would Have Said*. The page offered the following on the *About* segment:

*Jackie is compiling stories from people of all ages who reflect on what they wish they would've told someone in the past but never got the chance. With the motto, It's never too late, Jackie hopes to inspire readers to make their peace with the ones they care about, regardless of how many years have passed.*

The site, she said is “less about confessions or unburdening yourself and more about those nagging feelings about what you wanted to say but didn't.”

If you never told your dying mother how much she meant to you ... or your wayward child how proud you were of him or her ... if you never told that Sunday School teacher how greatly he or she impacted you ... or your best friends in college how greatly they encouraged you, then you might find some measure of solace in posting to such a site.

But while anonymous posts on cyber sites might prove personally cathartic, they are of no value to those who never got to enjoy the benefit of actually hearing them spoken.

When we withhold words of encouragement from one another, we rob each other of the blessing of their impact.

When words count, say words that count.  
Don't fritter away the opportunity to speak words of life and truth.

*Encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today"* (Hebrews 3:13 NIV).

Don't wait for tomorrow; it may never come.

– Beecher Hunter

