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Dear Students,

Dr. Melvin wrote this word, DWYSYWD, many years ago at one of Network News, LPMI USA. It was fascinating to me then and still reminds me of it always. It means, "Do What You Said You Will Do." You've got it?

Of course, even though I saw this word and its concept many years ago, it is still vivid and trying to apply it to my life. I always remember these seven letters to make them easier to memorize. I still find it is very beneficial to me. The promise we said is to keep. There are often cases where promises are overstated unconditionally, and group leaders in small groups in the church are considered to be careful of this.

Actually, this phrase is very inevitable in pastoral care in any situation, and what they promised should be kept. I found that there are several characteristics of people's failure to keep their promises. 1) It is a case that some people have become accustomed to not keeping their promises. These people do it more often than others, but they may do it unconsciously. 2) Some people are very busy and don't take appointments seriously. 3) Some people use one excuse or another too often, like lip service.

It is important to keep your word, but it is often easy to neglect. It's a big mistake. If we can't keep them on time, or if we can't keep their promise, we should be informed in advance. For example, if you say, "See you next time," wouldn't the other person wait? That's why Rev. Melvin emphasized this in the P.A.C.E. ministry Training Manual as well. This is an important factor in the 'qualities' of caregivers, so it can't be the problem that might be solved by lip service.

This is actually directly related to trust. If we don't keep our time commitments, it will hurt our credibility, which is very basic in starting and continuing with each other's relationships, so they may not trust us from the beginning.

I have an experience myself: I was supposed to meet someone the other day, but he said he would come soon, so I waited on the street for hours at night. I'm sure he knows I'm waiting, but he called me a few hours later and said went straight home for one reason or another. It was the call to me when he arrived home already. Listen! I understand his situation, but I'm very unpleasant and angry. I thought about how nice it would be if he called me in advance. Of course, it is true from a third person later, and it was his habit. His credibility is flawed.

And the other is that we may often make mistakes, saying "I'll pray for you!" too easily, too often. As believers, we often say this consciously and unconsciously, but how much do they believe that we really pray for them? Of course, we mostly pray for them, but if we don't actually pray for them as we say, it's futile and just ends in 'lip service'. I mean, we should definitely use these even little things consciously.

In conclusion, there is something I realized that although we make promises to people, in fact it means we also made promises to God. He knows what we say, what we do, what we don't do. Let's remember that it's also a promise to God as well. We shouldn't promise anything too easily. We will jump into uncomfortable situations in the very near future.●