

Pk's Perspectives ... Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."*

*"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments
of comfort and convenience, but where he stand at times of challenge
and controversy."*

*"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole
staircase."*

*"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that
matter."*

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

*"I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their
skin, but by the content of their character."*

*"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to
bear."*

*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing
for others?'"*

"The time is always right to do what is right."

*"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as
fools."*

We observed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday of this week. The ten quotes listed above are from the words of Reverend King; Reverend King's life gave profundity to his words. Steve Farber reminds us to "make sure that your actions and behaviors live up to and reflect the words and ideas, promises and commitments that come out of your mouth."

The truths of Reverend King's words extend much farther than the arena of civil rights. Apply his quotes in the context of the current political climate; consider his words in the context of religious persecution; weigh out his words as they pertain to the rising culture of entitlement in America or the challenge of following Christ.

Jesus says in Matthew 15 that what comes out of the mouth comes from the heart. Jesus says in Matthew 12 that on the day of judgment our words will point to either acquittal or condemnation. King Solomon wrote in Proverbs 25:11 that "a word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver." All this to say that a lifetime of words can give us a fairly accurate measure of the one speaking. Richelle Goodrich once wrote, "Words never fade away but echo on for eternity; let your echo ring sweet." Reverend King's echo definitely rings sweet. Cya in Sunday School & Worship, Pk.