



# Thursday Thought

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## “Forgotten!”

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**Verse for the week: Matthew 5:33 (MSG) “And don’t say anything you don’t mean....”**

Have you heard the phrases: “I guarantee”, “I promise”, “I give you my word”, or “My word is my bond”? These phrases mean you will do what you say, and that people can trust you. Throughout the years, I have heard these phrases used frequently. My mother taught me when I was young that if you said you were going to do something, you’d better do it. The sad thing is that these phrases don’t carry much weight anymore. Too often people say they will do something but never follow through. I’ve always heard that was lying. Granted, sometimes things happen that get in the way of our commitment, but we shouldn’t just ignore what we promised. We should try to stay true to our word and do what we committed to doing.

In modern day society, a lengthy contract with words like: uberrima fides, quid pro quo, ab initio, repudiation, due diligence, and more, replace what once was a firm hand shake and our verbal agreement. Our courts today are backlogged with people disputing broken contracts. I think we need to go back to the forgotten times when a man’s word was his bond! Despite all the contractual agreements that abound, I actually believe that being a person of our word is still a highly sought after quality. When you are a person of your word, people know that you are dependable, have integrity and can be trusted. Being a person of your word isn’t always easy or convenient. In fact, it may even cost you something, but the price for not keeping your word is higher. Not keeping your word can cost you friendships, influence, your job and even eternity in heaven. David wrote in **Psalm15:1a**, “**Who may worship in your sanctuary, Lord?**” and then answers the question in verse 4 “**Those who...keep their promises even when it hurts.**”

**Question to ask yourself:** How much does your word mean? Are you someone that can be counted on?

**Quote:** “I can give you my word, but I know what it's worth and you don't.” – Nero Wolfe Fictional Defective