

## TELL HIM SO

If you hear a kind word spoken  
Of some worthy soul you know  
It may fill his heart with sunshine  
If you only tell him so.

If a deed however humble  
Helps you on your way to go  
Seek the one whose hand has helped you  
Seek him out and tell him so.

If your heart is touched and tender  
Toward a sinner, lost and low  
It might help him to do better  
If you only tell him so.

Oh, my sisters; oh my brothers  
As o'er life's rough path you go  
If God's love has saved and kept you  
Do not fail to tell Him so.      By Dwayne Laws

## FOR OLD FOLKS AND SISSIES ONLY ?

The idea is widespread that Christianity is only for elderly or otherwise infirm people. Kindness, patience, consideration, and morality are often mistakenly identified with cowardice. Some feel betrayed and flush with embarrassment when a good deed is interpreted to have religious motives.

This concept of Christianity may be prompted in part by religious zealots who have a zeal without knowledge (cf Rom. 10:2), or the religious pacifist who presents the religion of Christ as soft, compromising and indefinite.

The truth is that a true disciple must be strong and courageous. Jude wrote, "...you should **contend earnestly** for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints." (Jude 3). Paul said, "...I am

*appointed for the **defense** of the gospel.” Phil. 1:17) To be a Christian is to stand for the Lord and His Way and **against** His enemies and their error. Paul further wrote, “Therefore my beloved brethren, be steadfast, **immovable**, always abounding in the work of the Lord...” (1 Cor. 15:58) The Psalmist penned, “You who love the Lord, **hate** evil!” (Psalms 97:10), also “Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I **hate** every false way.” (Psalms 119:104) Paul said, “If it is possible, as much as **depends on you**, live peaceably with all men.” (Rom. 12:18), thus by implication he confirmed that it may not always be possible.*

Many do not have the fortitude to elicit truth and abide by it; consequently, they seek to conceal their own weakness by thinking and claiming religion is for **old folks and sissies only?** “**Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.**” (Eph. 6:10)  
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