

God's Word Endures Forever

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*The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God stands forever. (Isaiah 40:8 NIV)*

Isaiah's words endured through the sands of time and history and were quoted by Peter in a letter sent to Christians throughout the known world (1 Peter 1:25). As writers, we wish our own words would stand such a test. Sadly, like flowers of the field--however beautiful they may be--they only last a short time.

Make your words count in the short time you have to proclaim via the written word. Make them inspiring, transforming and enduring. Frivolous, empty words may entertain but do they educate?

Be sure your words are true. James said we who teach will be judged more strictly (James 3:1). Jesus had strict words for people who teach others also, "Whoever refuses to obey any command and teaches other people not to obey that command will be the least important in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:19a). He promised glory awaits those who obey God's Word and teach it right and true: "But whoever obeys the commands and teaches other people to obey them will be great in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:19b).

Meditate on the Word. Ask God to give you the message he has for your readers. Then ask Him to guide your pen in a way your readers will understand.

Thought For the Day: God's message to my heart to my pen to readers everywhere.

Prayer: Father, God. Guide my thoughts today as I meditate on your Word. Guide my pen as I form the words you want my readers to know. Amen.