

## Words And Actions

### Description

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1 Corinthians 8:1-13

People will stumble when our words and actions don't match.

Once, during a visit to the circus, the ringmaster involved the audience. He had many parents and children come into the circus ring; handing each a peacock feather. Everyone was supposed to balance the feather in the palm of their hand. Before, and as the feathers were handed out, everyone was told the feathers would be needed for the next show, and to please return them. After the fun it was announced again that they needed the feathers back; and circus performers went around collecting them. I was sitting in the stands and I saw one dad with perhaps a four-year old son hide his feather and make their way back to their seats. His son went home with a peacock feather. I know, even without knowing that dad, he would probably never tell his son it was okay to take something that wasn't his. Do you think that child may have later stumbled over, "Do not steal"?

It is easy to point a finger at someone else, but how about us? Are our words or actions a stumbling block because they aren't consistent with each other?

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