

# Be 38 Complimentary

It would be good to set a goal to compliment at least three people a day. People like to hear nice things said about them. It lifts them up, encourages them and makes them appreciate you even more. That's why politicians hold babies and compliment their beauty or pat a young man on the head and say, "Oh, this is a nice young man!"

I heard of a lady who always had something complimentary to say about everyone. One day the meanest man in town died. It seemed there was nothing at all good about him that anyone could say. And the town wondered what complimentary remark the lady could make about this particular individual.

When she was told of his death, she calmly replied, "He could whistle good."

One of his members said to a particular pastor, "You are a model preacher."

On the way home he asked his wife, "What was that Mrs. Brown said about me?" and his wife replied, "She said you were a model preacher." He enjoyed it

so much he kept asking his wife, “What was that Mrs. Brown said about me?” One day his wife tired of hearing the question, so she opened the dictionary to the word *model*; and when he came home and asked, “What was that Mrs. Brown said about me?” she replied, “Oh, she said you were a model preacher. By the way, the dictionary says, ‘*Model: a small imitation of the real thing.*’”

Another lady said to her pastor, “You are a warm preacher.” He figured that out for himself. It means “not so hot.”

Little children especially need compliments and encouragement, but so do young people and adults. So be complimentary.