

Communications

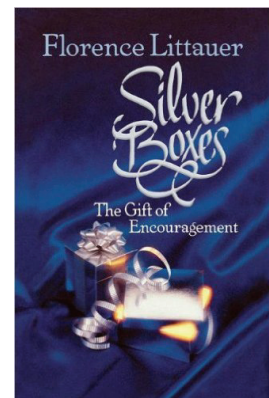
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Silver Boxes



I am sorting through many of my devotional books to give them to local charities. Didn't know I had so many around the house!

I found a book written in 1989 by Florence Littauer entitled, [Silver Boxes](#). I have spent several hours reading it again and in awe of her ability to communicate!



I share with you a little excerpt from the beginning of the book ... then challenge your women's ministry, or you personally.



Florence was giving a children's sermon on Ephesians 4:29,

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."



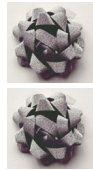
Talking to the children, she broke the scripture down as to what corrupt means, communication, doing good, edifying. When she asked what does it mean to minister grace, they decided it was to do a favor, to give a present to each other. Florence explained, "When our words come out of our mouths, they should be like little presents all wrapped up to be given away." Well, one little girl stood up and turned to the congregation and said, *"What she means is our words should be like little silver boxes with bows on top."*





Returning to this same church in the evening to speak, Florence received a gift box wrapped in silver paper from a woman. She said, **"You made me realize I haven't said a kind word to my husband in years, or to my children.** So this afternoon I went out in the garage and dusted off some old empty boxes. I went to the store and bought a roll of silver paper and a bag of silver bows. I wrapped up the empty boxes and made them into silver boxes with bows on top. I have put one in every room in the house so no matter where I look I will

see a silver box with a bow on top and be reminded to say nice words to those around me."



WOW!! A little silver box to remind us to communicate words of encouragement!



→ **Your first challenge** is to put a little silver box with a bow in each room of your house, where you work and in your car. *Each time you see that box you will be reminded to give encouragement.*

→ **Your second challenge** is to give away silver boxes! *God has already prepared people to receive your boxes - your challenge is to be in prayer for knowing to whom they go.*



Included at right is a pattern to make a sample box out of origami paper or wall paper. Have fun in communicating encouraging words!

