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Besides my **weekly letter**, I like to **text** family and friends with **supportive, encouraging thoughts** or a few words to **lift** up their spirits. For me, it is a good way of letting them know I'm thinking of them. Since I **cannot** go to St. Mary's to visit patients and pray with those having surgery because of Covid, I consider **texting** besides my weekly letters to be a part of my **present ministry**.

We all know that **texting** is a great way to **communicate** and get to know people or allow them to know us. However, because text messaging **cannot accurately** convey tone, emotion, facial expressions, gestures, body language, eye contact, oral speech, or face-to-face conversation, **messages can sometimes be misinterpreted or misunderstood**. The **real meaning** of our message **may** get **lost** through the medium. Has this ever happened to you?

Texting is also a great way for **sharing God's Word** because most people carry phones and **open texts**. Why not catch them by **surprise** by sending a **Scripture quote** to them once a week.

Text messaging has the **power** to fill people with **love, hope, joy, energy**, etc. Just think about it. One text message could help **change** your life or someone else's life, either in a very positive way—or in a very negative way.

Take a minute now to reflect on the **immense power** we have in simple, ordinary, everyday **text messages**. A simple text message could make a difference between someone either feeling like life is **worth living** – or deciding that it's not. **Have you ever thought about this?**

So, **who** are you going to **lift up** with a text today? Maybe someone you haven't contacted in a long time or someone who has suffered a loss recently, or a friend? Who is waiting to hear from you? Me?