Words of Affirmation

Proverbs 18:21

The 5 Love Languages, by Dr. Gary Chapman

13*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love*. 1 Corinthians 13:13

God said to Gideon, “*The Lord is with you, mighty warrior*”, Judges 6:12b

Why did God call Gideon a mighty warrior?

* Gideon need words of affirmation to accomplish the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God had for him.

21*The tongue has the power of life and death* Proverbs 18:21a

* Gideon was not thinking about himself \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* God was affirming Gideon based on effort not on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why is it so difficult to be affirming to people who need it?

*Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others*. Philippians 2:1-4