

The Significance of Success

The quote, “We will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends,” by Martin Luther King Jr. brings a sense of nostalgia and mixed feelings in me. While this is an inspirational quote, it also brings light to the discrimination and bullying faced by millions of people across the world. This quote symbolizes the importance of silence in comparison to words, and how being quiet can make a huge impact on someone’s life.

When reading this quote, the first thought that came to mind was that silence speaks louder than words. This simple statement has been portrayed through silence that takes place in relation to certain important crises. The death of personal figures and groups are often commemorated with a moment of silence, in opposition to a moment of speech. The silence for our loved ones will always exemplify a stronger meaning than words will ever be able to.

This quote also brought the thought of devoting more attention to friends in comparison to giving attention to enemies. The hated will almost always have something to say, and it will almost always be something negative. Rather than listening to this derogation, paying attention to loved ones will have a more positive effect. While friends may not always have something positive to say, the fact that they are refraining from making a negative comment and being silent should be appreciated.

Martin Luther King Jr.’s quote, “We will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends,” has and can be applied to the everyday life of common citizens. Personally, this quote has influenced me to stop listening to those who make me feel bad about myself. Rather, this quote has taught me to pay attention to and value the fact that my friends ignore and

stay silent about my negative characteristics. While Martin Luther King Jr. did say this statement in a presumably different connotation than what I am addressing, his quote has allowed me to understand my priorities and recognize what is best for me.

Lastly, this quote relates to a multitude of events in my life, ranging from simple, small moments to deep, meaningful occurrences. Martin Luther King Jr.'s saying applies to insignificant times when my friends ignore the fact that my face is breaking out while my so-called "enemies" point it out in their own ways. Similarly, this quote applies to happenings in which people assume I am unknowledgeable on certain facts due to my heritage and skin color, while my friends understand and ignore the fact that I am not the same as them. The silence of my friends on my different ethnicity, and the realization that they treat me the same as everyone else, is one of the main things that I appreciate about them. This is the main point that this quote is trying to portray.

"We will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends," is a quote by Martin Luther King Jr. that expresses the importance of silence at certain points in time. This quote signifies the actions that each and every person, myself included, should follow in order to be happy. Along with that, the quote shows that disparaging people is unnecessary and pointless, as most will attempt to forget what was said in order to live a better life. The inspirational point made by Martin Luther King Jr. in this quote relates to the lives of many, including mine, in a way that could never be forgotten.