Pastor's Weekly Devotional - February 5, 2015

"Words! Words! Words!"

"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone." (Colossians 4:6)

Can one hold back the waves once a pebble has broken the calm of the lake's surface? Can one pick the water which was thrown on the ground? Can one regather the feathers which were flung into the wind? No! A thousand times – No! Neither can one control the ever-widening, ever-damaging effects of an unkind word once it is spoken. It can never be retrieved or withdrawn.

Words are powerful. They inform and influence intellectually, emotionally and spiritually. Our words can make or break. It can build up or tear down. It can encourage or discourage. It can be a deadly weapon. So, think before you speak!

It's so easy to see the faults of others and not ours. Here's a thought:

- When the other person acts badly, we discuss their ugliness...
- When we do it, we call it nerves.
- When the other person does not give in, we call it stubbornness...
- When we do it, we call it firmness.
- When the other person speaks negative, we call it judgmental....
- When we speak negatively, we call it good judgment.

The list goes on and on

Here's an admonition from God's Word:

"Say only the good things people need to hear, things that will really help them." (Ephesians 4:29)

"A word in season, how good it is." (Proverbs 15:23)

Have a blessed week! See you in church Sunday! Pastor Sewdin