



A MINISTRY OF HEARTSWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

WEEK EIGHT | WISDOM FOR THE WAY

FRIDAY

Wisdom in Our Words

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE (KJV)

Proverbs 15:1

"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger."

KEY TRUTH

Wise words communicate truth in a way that calms unnecessary conflict rather than feeding it.

GOOD MORNING!

Words can lower the temperature of a conversation or pour fuel upon it. Proverbs places responsibility upon the spirit of our response.

A soft answer is not weak, dishonest, or afraid. It can speak necessary truth while refusing the harshness that makes anger grow.

Grievous words may win a moment and wound a relationship. Tone, timing, and motive matter alongside the facts we intend to communicate.

Pause before answering today. Ask whether your words are true, necessary, gracious, and well timed. Let wisdom choose the tone. A Spirit-controlled response may open a door that anger would have closed.

TAKE FIVE CHALLENGE

Take five intentional minutes today.

- 1 **Read Proverbs 15:1-4.**
- 2 **Pause before one difficult response.**
- 3 **Remove one harsh phrase from your words.**
- 4 **Spend five minutes asking for a guarded tongue.**
- 5 **Use your words to calm and encourage.**

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY



"O for a Heart to Praise My God"
- Charles Wesley

"A heart from sin set free."

A heart governed by Christ produces words marked by truth, purity, grace, and praise.

SHARE THE BLESSING

Use a calm, sincere word to repair tension or encourage someone who has received too much criticism.

PRAYER

Lord, set a guard over my mouth and wisdom within my heart. Keep me from harsh, careless, or prideful speech. Help me speak truth with grace, choose the right timing, and use words that calm conflict and strengthen others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PASTOR MIKE'S THOUGHT

Wisdom is often heard in the tone we choose before it is recognized in the words we speak.

THE GOSPEL IN ONE VERSE

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16 (KJV)

TOMORROW'S TAKE FIVE

**Week Eight | Saturday | Walk Carefully |
Ephesians 5:15-16 (KJV)**

Walking with you in Christ,

Pastor Mike

Doing God's work, God's way, in Jesus' name!