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Sunday, March 18, 2007

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

TODAY'S THOUGHT: Always" and "never" are two words you should always remember never to use. —Wendell Johnson

From the "less is more" department:

God so loved the world: 5 words

The Pythagorean theorem: 24 words

The Lord's Prayer: 66 words

Archimedes' Principle: 67 words

The Ten Commandments: 179 words

The Gettysburg Address: 286 words

The Declaration of Independence: 1,300 words

The U.S. Government regulations on the sale of cabbage: 26,911 words

The sale of cabbage must be a quite complicated affair, and no doubt all of the words pertaining to its sale are there to protect us. Just think about the scare last fall regarding the sale of spinach!

Yet this little comparison demonstrates that well-chosen words are powerful. Today, with just a sentence or two, here or there, we are able to cheer a suffering soul, encourage a doubting friend, inspire a struggling neighbor and applaud someone's work or performance.

Just a sentence or two. That's all! We don't need to utter a big discourse, a long and tiring exposition. Just a sentence, a few words. We have it within our power this very day to heap blessing upon blessing to those around us with just a few words. Try it!

Prayer: O God, help me to choose my words carefully. Keep me from uttering words of discouragement. Let my speech today be "seasoned with salt," so that others might be blessed. Amen.

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Activity Page for the week of March 18, 2007

Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday:** Mark 14-16
- Monday:** Numbers 1-3
- Tuesday:** Numbers 4-6
- Wednesday:** Numbers 7-10
- Thursday:** Numbers 11-14
- Friday:** Numbers 15-17
- Saturday:** Psalms 29-30

Verse to Remember

Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!
O LORD, be my helper!

—Psalm 30:10

QUOTE FALL

Use the letters in each column to form a word. For example, the first letter of the first word must begin with A, T, C or M. We have done a couple squares for you. See if you can discover this phrase that comes from the Aaronic Benediction in the reading from Numbers this week.

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7	3	5	9	6	1	8	2	4
5	8	9	7	1	3	4	6	2
3	1	7	2	4	6	9	8	5
6	4	2	5	9	8	1	7	3

Solution to last week's SUDOKU puzzle.

What's the Dog's Name?

Once a dog named Rover lived on a farm. There were three other dogs on the farm. Their names were Blackie, Whitey and Brownie. What do you think the fourth dog's name was?

ANSWER: Rover. If there are only four dogs on the farm, the fourth one must be Rover!