

Stewardship is speaking Godly words.

Almost every Sunday morning, we confess our sins to our most merciful God. We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess that we have sinned against Him, as well as against our neighbor, in thought, *word*, and deed.

Is the first word out of our mouths always a word of discouragement, sarcasm, put down, or the like? Or is the first word out of our mouths a word of encouragement, can-do, building up, and the like?

We live in a world which tells us that to get ahead we must, at times, put others down. You sometimes have to step on others to get to the top. If I put you down, below me, then I am better than you, or so we think.

Do our words give glory to God, or make Him ashamed that we wear His name (Christian)? Those are tough questions and tough words.

We do have the *Word*. We have the Word of God, the Old and New Testaments, words of the promise of a Savior. We have the Word of God, the Savior, Jesus, the Word made flesh. We have the tangible Word of God, as He comes to us in His body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper. We have a good Word of God.

As we read, hear, and receive that Word of God, He works through that Word to bring us to faith, strengthen us in our faith, and keep us in faith until life everlasting. And He works through that Word to move in us to be able to speak words, good words, encouraging words, to our brothers and sisters in Christ. To God be the glory!