

**Pastor's Weekly Devotional- June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
***"When The Facts Are Wrong"***

In England, when William Gladstone was the Chancellor of the Exchequer, he relied on his clerk to furnish him with the right statistics. Gladstone included these statistics in a major budget speech in the House of Commons. Unfortunately, his statistics were wrong and he became the object of ridicule.

Gladstone sent for his clerk who expected to be fired. However, Gladstone said to him: "I sent for you because I could imagine the torture of your feelings. You have been dealing for many years with bewildering intricacies of national accounts and you have done your work with ...exactness...It was because of your splendid record that I did not trouble to verify your calculations. I have sent for you to compliment you on that record and to set your mind at ease."

Is there something we can learn from this story? I think so. When the facts are wrong, when things don't add up – don't use it for personal gain or to spread ill will on others; rather, add forgiveness and subtract bitterness. Add Grace and Subtract evil speaking. Seek to be gracious, patient and understanding.

Have you ever made a mistake? Were you ever wrong and incorrect? What did you do? I'll tell you what Christ did. Christ loves you while you were doing wrong. His love for you now that you are doing right has not increased. He has always loved you with the same measure of love. Follow His example.

Make somebody's life beautiful by extending your hand of forgiveness, patience and graciousness even when things don't add up. You'll feel good on the inside.

Have a blessed week! See you in church Sunday!

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