

Transforming Life 3

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Week Four: Sound Advice 1 & 2

Effective Biblical Communication

INTRO

The greatest problem in marriage is _____ (Jas. 4:1-3).

The greatest hindrance to problem solving in marriage is _____, ineffective or _____ communication.

God has blessed us with the unique ability to _____.

There are 6 Requirements for loving, godly, biblical communication:

- 1) You must want to _____ God more than anything else;
- 2) You must be _____;
- 3) You must be aware Of your _____ to God;
- 4) You must be a good _____;
- 5) You must realize that good communication involves more than _____.
- 6) You must be _____ to make an effort.

Def.: An interaction of words between people that convey _____ and allow for a free exchange of thoughts, ideas or opinions.

Words are important. Words _____ to God:

Matt 5:18; Ps 119:89; Isa 40:8

Your words reveal who you _____ are.

Matt 12:34

You will be held _____ to God for every word you speak.

Matt 12:36

Words are powerful because words carry _____.

Words can either _____ up or _____ down.

Prov 11:9, 11; Prov 12:18; Prov 18:21

Jas 3:3-8: The Greatest of Fires are Set by the _____.

Godly communication = Words deliberately composed in such a way that will _____, enrich, enlighten, enhance, embolden and/or _____ the hearer.

Therefore, godly communication seeks to _____ ~ build up
~ give _____ ~ provide _____ and resolve problems.

Ineffective communication in marriage leads to:

1. Stagnation and _____
2. Misunderstanding
3. _____

4. _____

FOUR PRINCIPLES of Effective Biblical Communication ~ Ephesians 4:25-32

1. Be _____ ~ v25

1. "Speak" is a _____; not an option.
 2. Speak " _____ " (4:15)
 3. Speak the truth in " _____ " 1 Cor. 13:4-8a:
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - 3) Not _____
 - 4) Does not _____
 - 5) Not _____
 - 6) Does not _____unbecomingly
 - 7) Does not seek its _____
 - 8) Is not _____
 - 9) Does not take into account a _____suffered
 - 10) Does not _____ in unrighteousness
 - 11) Rejoices in _____
 - 12) _____all things
 - 13) _____all things
 - 14) _____all things
 - 15) _____all things
 - 16) Love never _____
4. Speaking honestly is more than not _____.

II. Keep _____ ~ vv26,27

1. Failure to resolve problems in a timely fashion leads to:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____
- 8) _____
- 9) _____

III. Attack the _____; Not the _____ ~
vv29,30

1. No _____ words.
2. Only words that are good for _____.
3. Only words that specifically _____ the situation and are _____ to bring about a godly resolution.
4. Only words that will minister _____ to those that hear.

IV. _____; Don't _____ ~ vv31,32

1. Common reactions of the flesh (to be put off):

- 1) _____

- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____

2. Christlike characteristics of a godly problem-solver (to be put on):

- 1) _____
- 2) _____-hearted
- 3) _____

Gal 5 19-21 vs 22-23

Recommended Resources for Further Study:

- ❖ Communication and Conflict Resolution; Stuart Scott
- ❖ Your Family God's Way; Wayne Mack
- ❖ The Peacemaker; Ken Sande
- ❖ War Of Words; Paul Tripp