

“Developing Good Communication in Marriage” David Owens

James 1:19, Ephesians 4:29

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Introduction:

- A. Communication is always a _____ in every _____.
- B. There are _____ that can get in the way of good communication.
- C. God invented _____ and gave us _____ to speak and ears to _____.
- D. If we follow God’s _____ and employ His _____, then we can experience successful communication.

Guidelines for Good Communication:

I. Become a Good _____ - Quick to _____

- A. A great deal of misunderstanding results when we don’t listen _____ to each other (Prov. 18:13).
- B. How can we be better listeners?
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____ — “Communication is the _____
 - 3. _____ of _____.” (Chip Ingram)

II. Become a _____ Speaker - _____ to Speak

- A. The Bible is filled with commands for the proper use of our tongues (Eph. 4:15, 25, 29; James 1:26; 3:9-10; Prov. 10:19; 12:18; 13:3)
- B. In appropriate speech includes that which is _____ and tears people down, rather than builds them up.
- C. _____ Speech
- D. _____ Speech
- E. The Right T’s - _____, _____, _____.

III. Become a _____ Responder - Slow to _____

- A. Our volume and tone must communicate that we are _____ (Prov. 15:1; 17:27)
- B. The _____ - “When you do X, then I feel Y.”
- C. The _____ - “When you do X, in the Y setting, then I feel Z.”

Conclusion:

- A. “Communication is the _____ on which _____ travels” Chip Ingram.
- B. “The tongue has the power of _____ and _____, and those who love it will eat its fruit.” (Prov. 18:21)
- C. Let’s make sure the _____ we speak are an improvement to the _____.

Answer Key: Intro.A. Challenge, relationship. B. many, things. C. language, tongues, hear. D. instructions, power. I. Listener, Listen. I.A. carefully. I.B.1. Concentration. I.B.2. Consideration, meeting, meanings. I.B.3. Clarification. II. Guarded, Slow. II.B. unwholesome. II.C. Truthful. II.D. Up-Building. II.E. timing, turf, tone. III. Gentle, Anger. III.A. under, control. III.B. I-Message. III.C. XYZ-Message. Concl.A. highway, love. B. life, death. C. words, silence.