

Communication

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B. Erroneous concepts

1. Some may argue that just by telling our spouse what we think is to be consider communication
2. Actually, communication is more than just telling our spouse what we think or just to say something.
 - a. There has to be something in common (notice the root of the word communication).
Communication can be perceived as a two-way process in which there is an exchange and progression of thoughts, feelings or ideas towards a mutually accepted goal or direction- (Wikipedia)
 - b. Therefore there must be a "relation"
 - c. Like a two way street

C. A mayor problem between marriage couples

1. The statistics show that this is one of the main problems in marriage

D. The Bible also recognizes the importance of communication. The objective of this sermon is to:

1. To show the importance of communication in the Bible
2. Some obstacles that we may see in communication
3. The necessity of being persistence

[Let us begin with the first major point in this lesson...]

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATION IN THE BIBLE

A. Communication according to the Scriptures

1. God and man – God’s way of communication, the Bible!
 - a. The effort of God in communicating with man thru the Bible
 - b. Suppose that God never spoke about the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, or about the significant of these events. Without God’s communication about Jesus life and the events that surround Him we will never know its spiritual advantages.
 - c. The Bible gives us a strong testimony about the importance of communication
 - d. The majority of people have access to the Bible to the word of God. God’s message is found in the Bible, but if God’s message is not received there could be no response
2. An example would be the tower of Babel, the work was stopped (**Genesis 11:7-8**).
 - a. “They stop building the city” (vs. 8b)
 - b. Why they stop working? Problems with communication!
 - c. If someone had asked for a brick someone might have given him a pick or shovel.
 - d. Now when a husband and wife stop communicating they stop edifying their marriage as well!
3. “Speaking into the air” (**1 Corinthians 14:7-12**).
 - a. “How will it be known what is played on the flute or on the harp?” (vs. 7). Notice the context of this phrase in the same verse. Communication is not only by words but also how we say things, tone of voice, gestures, expressions, use of hands, body language, etc.
 - b. “Speech that is clear” (vs. 9), it is speech that is comprehensible, we could say something but the receptive (the other person listening) may not understand it.
 - c. “Edification” (vs. 12). Here is in regards to the church edification, but we can considerate also as an application to the family.
4. War! (**2 Samuel 10:1-4**)
 - a. The intention of David was out of kindness and mercy
 - b. The Ammonites saw the servants of David as spies
 - c. The result: war
 - d. An application to the family, the rough words are used, lack of communication a war is started.

B. A general observation

1. An illustration: two persons are calculating two different mathematical problems, but they try to arrive to the same answer, to the same conclusion!
 - a. One works a math problem of $2 + 2$ and the other works with this problem $3 + 3$.
 - b. Both have the correct answer, but each of them is suspicious of the other.
 - c. Imagine the frustration and maybe the anger and lack of communication and separation between the two.
 - d. First there has to be good communication so that they have the same problem in common.
2. Communication is essential in EVERY aspect in a marriage relationship
3. In general for some reason it can be more difficult for man
 - a. Yes it can be difficult, but when communicating with the wife it will bring great benefits
 - b. Why is it difficult for man?

II. BARRIERS WE MAY SEE IN COMMUNICATION

A. Being afraid of getting hurt (Proverbs 11:13; 25:9)

1. True communication leaves one expose in regards to our feelings and we can be vulnerable to a verbal assault or mental
 - a. It is difficult to disarm these defenses we may rise when communicating with others we do it because we want to armor against any pain.

- b. Some of the examples are, “is this problem going to be out of our relationship? Will it be disperse among others?”
- c. How we can overcome this fear?
- 2. There must be complete confidence. She or he must be of confidence (**Proverbs 31:10-11a**)
 - a. Please consider (**Proverbs 11:13**) **NASV77** – “He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is trustworthy conceals a matter.”
 - b. (**Proverbs 25:9**) **NASV77** – “Argue your case with your neighbor, and do not reveal the secret of another”
- 3. Once this trust is violated with difficulty can be restore.

B. Precipitated reaction (Proverbs 15:1; 12:18; Colossians 3:19)

- 1. (**Proverbs 15:1**) **NASV77** – “A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.”
- 2. (**Proverbs 12:18**) **NASV77** – “There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, But the tongue of the wise brings healing”
- 3. (**Colossians 3:19**) **NASV77** – “Husbands, love your wives, and do not be embittered against them”
- 4. It is like trying to kill a fly with a hammer
- 5. Bitter words leave a wound that takes time to heal

C. The unjust hearing (Job 19:1-4)

- 1. Read **Job 19:1-4**
- 2. We can destroy the other person with false accusations. We can construct the straw man and later destroy it.
- 3. God’s people has the obligation of speaking the truth (**Ephesians 4:25, 31; 1 Peter 3:10**)

D. Severe judgment (Matthew 7:1-4)

- 1. Notice the context and then the application here
- 2. “There is nothing that I can do to please him/her”

E. Another barrier for communication is pride (Proverbs 28:13)

- 1. **Proverbs 28:13**, **NASV77** – “He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes *them* will find compassion”
- 2. There are marriage couples with over 20 years of being married and perhaps never had the courage and the humility to say, “I am sorry, you were right. I was wrong”
- 3. Will these makes us weak? Not at all! (See the proverb again!)

F. Not willing to receive admonition (Proverbs 9:7-8)

G. Not listening (Proverbs 18:13; John 21:22-23)

- 1. **Proverbs 18:13**, **NASV77** – “He who gives an answer before he hears, It is folly and shame to him”
- 2. Read **John 21:22-23**
- 3. Sometimes we do this with no intention, but sometimes we do...
- 4. We may listen with a predisposition (preconceived notion) and then reply with what we already had in mind.

III. THE NECESSITY OF BEING PERSISTENCE

- A. Usually a man who is without work goes out and looks for another job. Rejected, does he stop looking for a job? No! He continues to search for a job because it is important! We could say the same thing in a marriage.**

- B. We need to have faith to put in practice these principles**
- C. One thing I learned, never, never go to bed with an unresolved problem**
 - 1. Why? Notice (**Ephesians 4:26**)
 - 2. Many will apply this verse to other brethren in Christ, and not in our marriage situations!
- D. Key points in having a good communication (1 Cor. 13:4-7)**

CONCLUSION:

- A. Let us have present the importance of having good communication, let us eliminate any obstacle that will impede us achieving this goal and let us be persistence by putting in practice these principals.**
- B. Do you know what is the greatest love ever known to man? No, it is not a Hollywood movie, nor the greatest novel or poem of all time, Romeo and Juliet, etc.**
 - 1. The greatest love ever known to man comes by God to mankind. He has communicated this great love...God has spoken and it is been written for our learning...it is His Son Jesus the Christ!

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