

# COMMUNICATING *Effectively*

## IN OUR EVERYDAY RELATIONSHIPS PART 3

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- The quality of our relationships will determine the quality of our lives.
- Although there are many forms of communication, we know that \_\_\_\_\_ play a key role.
- How can we improve our ability to communicate the truth, yet in a spirit of love?

**First, avoid words that lead to useless arguments. Vs. 14**

**Second, filter YOUR words through GOD'S Word. Vs. 15**

**Third, speak words that will lead to \_\_\_\_\_  
conversation. Vs. 16**

- The Bible teaches us three incredible communication skills that will lead to fruitful conversation.
  1. **Speak only to \_\_\_\_\_ up others.**

*“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.” Ephesians 4:29*
  2. **Be quick to \_\_\_\_\_.**
    - Fruitful conversations involve people who are \_\_\_\_\_ listeners.

*“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.” James 1:19*

- Quiet, patient listening does several things:
  - a. It demonstrates genuine \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. It shows that you realize you do not have \_\_\_\_\_ the answers.
  - c. It tells the other person that you \_\_\_\_\_ his or her thoughts and opinions.

*“He that answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame unto him.” Proverbs 18:13*

**3. Communicate in a way that is \_\_\_\_\_ and healing.**

*“There is that speaks like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.” Proverbs 12:18*

- Practical tips on how to communicate in a healthy way:
  - a. Choose the \_\_\_\_\_ time and place.
  - b. Believe the \_\_\_\_\_ about others.
  - c. Talk to people face to face.
  - d. Be objective.
  - e. Don't use the \_\_\_\_\_ to tear people down.
  - f. Ask for feedback.
  - g. Offer solutions, not just \_\_\_\_\_.

Let's communicate in a way that is fruitful - that brings health and \_\_\_\_\_.