

COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY

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- The quality of our relationships will determine the quality of our _____.
- The absolute key to relationships is _____ communication skills.
- How can we communicate effectively in our everyday relationships?

Avoid words that lead to useless _____.

Vs. 14

- The idea of the word “strive” is a person who loves to _____ and dispute over insignificant things.

“As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife.” Proverbs 26:21

- It is so easy to get into conversations that are not profitable.
- Proverbs teaches us that there are two roots that produce the fruit of an argumentative person.

The first root is _____.

“An angry man stirs up strife, and a furious man abounds in transgression.” Proverbs 29:22

- _____ people are typically contentious and argumentative people.
- The Bible teaches that anger should _____ be held on to.

“Be you angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil.” Ephesians 4:26-27

- _____ will sabotage all of your relationships in life.

The second root that leads to an argumentative spirit is pride.

“He that is of a proud heart stirs up strife: but he that puts his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.” Proverbs 28:25

“He that has knowledge spares his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. Even a fool, when he holds his peace, is counted wise: and he that shuts his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.” Proverbs 17:27-28

- What happens when we get involved in arguments that are silly and useless? We _____ people, and relationships become a catastrophe.

But it doesn't have to be this way. By God's grace, we can deal with anger and pride issues and truly become a person that is a _____ to be around.