

Communication And The Family

Introduction

- The home is the oldest institution established by God
- It is the foundation of society
- In homes where there are many difficulties, communication is often one of the problems

1. Speaking As God Would Have Us To Speak

- God has given us the pattern for the right kind of speech
- Rom. 12:9-10
- Phil. 2:3-4

2. The Need For Seasoned - mature Speech

- The world sees the results of what happens in our homes
- Col. 4:6
- The way parents communicate will have an effect upon their children

3. A Beautiful Picture Of Speech

- Proverbs 25:11 “A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.” (ESV)
- The word spoken is like beautiful fruit in a silver basket

3. A Beautiful Picture Of Speech

- **“Fitly spoken”** = the right thing said at the right time, in the right way, to the right person and for the proper reason
- The **“word”** is the fruit whose beauty is set off by the proper circumstances

Application of Lesson

- Putting The Lesson Into Action In Our Lives

A. Every Problem In The Family Has A Biblical Solution

- Abram and Lot
- Genesis 13:8
- Heb. 13:1

B. Not All Conflicts In The Home Are Necessarily Bad

- They can be the source of improving relationships
- Disagreements bring our true feelings into light so that others can understand us better

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- **Three ways of dealing with conflicts:**
 - a. **View them as a normal part of relationships and use them as an opportunity to understand one another better**

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- **Three ways of dealing with conflicts:**
 - b. **View all conflict as bad and to be avoided under all circumstances**

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- **Three ways of dealing with conflicts:**
 - b. This hides the real issue—it blocks openly talking about a problem that needs to be settled

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- **Three ways of dealing with conflicts:**

c. We can conclude that conflicts are a normal part of relationships and we should not feel threatened by them

C. How To Approach A Conflict

- We often see a conflict coming
- Don't try to run from it – this never solves the problem
- We should acknowledge the problem and try to solve it
- Eph. 4:26-27

D. 5 Rules For Facing Conflicts

- 1). Always attack the problem, not the person
- Proverbs 11:12
- 2). Don't act out your feelings but speak what is on your mind – calmly!

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- 3). Be willing to forgive the other person and do not condemn them
- Mt. 7:3

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- 4). Give more than you take
- Not everyone can win in a conflict
- Lot approached Abram out of selfishness
- Acts 20:35

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- 5). Along with talking you need develop understanding
- The goal is not only to speak your mind – in a loving way –but to resolve the conflict – to better understand the other person
- Proverbs 10:19

Conclusion

- Proper communication is essential in the home
- It provides well-being for all members of the family
- Ps. 127:1

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