



GROWTH POINT

MIDWEEK SERVICE

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Title: Positive Communication

INTRODUCTION

“But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.” (Matthew 12:36–37)

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.” (Proverbs 18:21)

“Behold, we put bits in the horses’ mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. 4 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. 5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. 7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: 8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.” (James 3:3–8)

Six Traits of Destructive Communication

1. _____

“My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.” (Song of Solomon 2:10)

2. VERBAL _____

“Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.” (James 3:10)

3. _____

4. ERRATIC AND INCONSISTENT

5. _____

6. _____

Quote: “Communication is the basic skill needed to establish and maintain sound relationships. A sound husband and wife relationship is impossible apart from a good communication system.”—**Jay Adams**

Four Foundations for Building an Atmosphere of Positive Communication

1. THE FOUNDATION OF A POSITIVE

“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.” (Psalm 100:4)

“This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118:24)

2. THE FOUNDATION OF _____ AND

“A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.” (Proverbs 17:22)

“Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.” (Proverbs 16:24)

“Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.” (Proverbs 12:25)

Definition: “*humor*”—the ability to enjoy each other and to have a positive attitude about life.

3. THE FOUNDATION OF _____ AND OPEN _____

“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:” (Ephesians 4:15)

“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)

4. THE FOUNDATION OF CONFLICT

A. Deal with conflicts on a _____ basis

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

B. Deal with conflicts in a _____ manner

“Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.” (Colossians 4:6)

“A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.” (Proverbs 15:1)

C. _____ in a humble manner

“But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.” (James 4:6)

“Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.” (Proverbs 16:18)

“Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.” (Proverbs 13:10)

“But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; 27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant.” (Matthew 20:26-27)

D. _____

“Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.” (Proverbs 20:5)

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

E. _____ the issue

“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.” (Matthew 5:9)

CONCLUSION

