

Can You Hear Me Now?

Growing in Godly Communication

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Series: Can You Hear Me Now?

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Amos 3:3 ESV*

(Also Amos 3:7)

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Proverbs 18:20–21 ESV*

_____ and _____ **Are Essential in Good Communication!**

*“Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.”
Ephesians 4:25 ESV*

*“I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a second experience of grace. I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send me on my way to Judea. Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans according to the flesh, ready to say “Yes, yes” and “No, no” at the same time?”
2 Corinthians 1:15–17 ESV*

*“For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience, that we behaved in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God, and supremely so toward you. For we are not writing to you anything other than what you read and understand and I hope you will fully understand—”
2 Corinthians 1:12–13 ESV*

*“But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming again to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith.”
2 Corinthians 1:23–24 ESV*

The _____ of Openness and Honesty in Good Communication!

*“We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.”
2 Corinthians 6:11–13 ESV*

*“Make room in your hearts for us. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have taken advantage of no one. I do not say this to condemn you, for I said before that you are in our hearts, to die together and to live together.”
2 Corinthians 7:2–3 ESV*

"For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him?"

1 Corinthians 2:11a ESV

Six _____ for Good Communication

1. Is it _____? Do I Have the Facts?

"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear."

Ephesians 4:29 ESV

(Also Proverbs 18:13)

2. Is it _____? Will it Help or Hurt? Is it Constructive or Destructive?

"The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things."

Proverbs 15:28 ESV

(Also Proverbs 20:15)

3. It is the _____? Is there a Better Time?

"To make an apt answer is a joy to a man, and a word in season, how good it is!"

Proverbs 15:23 ESV

(Also Proverbs 25:11-12)

4. Is My _____ Right?

"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,"

Ephesians 4:15 ESV

(Also Ephesians 4:32; Titus 3:1-2)

5. Am I using the _____?

"The heart of the wise makes his speech judicious and adds persuasiveness to his lips."

Proverbs 16:23 ESV

"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

Proverbs 15:1 ESV

(Also Proverbs 15:23)

6. Have I _____ About this Matter? Am I Trusting the Lord to Help Me?

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer."

Psalms 19:14 ESV

(Also Psalm 139:23-24; Colossians 4:2-6)

What Would the Lord Have Me to Work On?

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