

Can You Hear Me Now?

Growing in Godly Communication Part 2

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Series: *Can You Hear Me Now?*

“When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.”
Proverbs 10:19 ESV

(Also Proverbs 17:27, 21:23, 15:1)

“ Say the right thing at the right time and help others by what you say.”
Ephesians 4:29b CEV

I Must Take _____ for What I Say!

“Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.”
James 3:1–2 ESV

Three Reasons:

1.I am _____ to God (James 3:1)

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.”
2 Corinthians 5:10 ESV

(Also 1 Corinthians 3:13-15)

2.I can _____ from My Failures (James 3:2)

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”
1 John 1:9 ESV

3.I will be a _____ to Myself and Others (James 3:2)

Why Does My Tongue Matter?

“For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.”
Matthew 12:34 ESV

Two Examples: _____ & _____

“If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.”
James 3:3–4 ESV

The _____ of an Uncontrolled Tongue!

“So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.”

James 3:5–6 ESV

(Also Colossians James 3:7-12)

The _____ of an Spirit-Controlled Tongue!

“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”

Colossians 3:1–3 ESV

(Also Colossians 3:8-9)

“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,... “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Colossians 3:15a,16–17 ESV

12 Strategies for Breakthrough Communication

- 1. Own My Part of the Problem.**
- 2. Be Willing to Change**
- 3. Avoid Emotionally Charged Words**
- 4. Take Responsibility for Your Emotions, Words, Actions and Reactions**
- 5. Refrain from Reruns of Old Arguments.**
- 6. Deal With One Problem at a Time**
- 7. Deal in the Present Not the Past**
- 8. Major on the Positive Not Negative**
- 9. Learn to Communicate in Non-Verbal Ways**
- 10. Put Yourself in the Other Position**
- 11. Treat Others the Way that You Want to be Treated**
- 12. Go the Extra Mile**

What Would the Lord Have Me to Work On?

“And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”

James 3:18 ESV