

# Biblical Communication Overview

Practical Theology Lesson 6

## Biblical Theology of Communication

1) How things were \_\_\_\_\_ to be. (Genesis 2)

2) Where things went \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 3)

3) How things will be made \_\_\_\_\_. (John 1:1-3, 14-18)

4) Homework

1. How have my words been destructive?
2. In what ways have you tended to blame your negative communication on situations?
3. In what ways do you tend to blame others?

## Biblical Practices of Communication

### A Definition of Good Communication:

“Good communication from God’s perspective is sending a message that is true, holy, purposeful, clear, and timely. The recipient in love, humility and with care should listen to what is being said, trying to understand where the communicator is coming from without reacting – clarifying with questions if needed. Upon receiving the message, the recipient should then ponder before answering and continue using these biblical principles.” (Stuart Scott)

## Four Principles of Communication—Ephesians 4:25-32

1) Be \_\_\_\_\_ (4:25)

Be concerned with

\_\_\_\_\_ you say,

\_\_\_\_\_ you say it,

\_\_\_\_\_ you say,

\_\_\_\_\_ you say it, and

\_\_\_\_\_ you say it.

Become a skilled \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Don't \_\_\_\_\_ and keep \_\_\_\_\_ (4:26, 27)

Failure to solve problems quickly:

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Questions to ask to assess whether the timing and honesty is appropriate, loving, and helpful (Wayne Mack, *Strengthening Your Marriage*, p61, plus my additional 7th question):

- Ephesians 4:29; Proverbs 18:13:
- Proverbs 20:15; Ephesians 4:29; Romans 15:1-3:
- Proverbs 15:23, 28; 25:11-12:
- Ephesians 4:15, 32; 1 Corinthians 16:14; Titus 3:1-2:
- Proverbs 12:25; 15:1, 23; 16:23; Ecclesiastes 12:10:
- Proverbs 3:5-6; Colossians 4:2-6; Psalm 19:14:
- James 4:1-3:

3) Don't \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ (4:29, 30)

"Unwholesome word"

- Words that \_\_\_\_\_
- Words that \_\_\_\_\_ the conflict
- Words that \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit

Edifying words

- Words that \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ up
- Words that deal with what the person \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_
- Words that help reach a \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_, not in the \_\_\_\_\_ (4:31, 32)

5) Homework

- Identify the kinds of buzz words that are common in your relationships that tear each other down and come up with a silent cue to give each other when those words come out.
- Memorize the 4 Principles.

## Conclusion

What principle(s) do you need to work on the most?

## Resources

Paul Tripp, *The Trouble with Our Talk*, <http://gcbc.mn/talktrouble>

Paul Tripp, *War of Words*