

Marriage Matters

"Communication Difficulties"

*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*

Introduction:

Words! The words you speak, speak volumes of you.

The tongue - the tongue is a weapon, a poison

Matthew 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

1 Corinthians 14:9 So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

James 3:5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! 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. 8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Communication:

You can tell a lot about a person just by their speech. (Pride, humility, anger, bitterness, vindictiveness, judgmental, kind, forgiving, patient, etc)

Communication is about attitudes. Attitudes determine the quality and quantity of conversation. When you were first in love conversation was free, intimate, and wonderful. You spent hours on the phone together, or going on walks talking about everything.

Now, 5, 10, 20, 30 years later, what do you talk about? How have attitudes, thoughts, and experience changed your communication patterns?

How much is nagging a part of your marriage? How much avoidance and ignoring are going on? How much of your communication is grunts, monosyllabic utterances? How often do you raise your voice? Do you spend time listening, asking gentle questions?

Or are you demanding, commanding, domineering, dictatorial, critical, insensitive, rude, crude, argumentative, and/or authoritarian? Are you a whiner, crier, complainer, critic, nit picker, or a fault finder, Do you often raise your voice, shout, yell, scream, rant and rave? Are you compassionate or competitive? Kind or cruel? Do you build up, or tear down?

Fruit of the Spirit:

Are compassion, gentleness, mercy, understanding, patience, and kindness words that characterize your communication with your spouse?

Symptoms - Corrupt Communication

1. Silence - lying
2. Competition - I'm right, you're wrong!
3. Debate - argue (what is an argument?) a wrestling match
4. Commands - or else, bossiness, intimidation,
5. Demands - my way or the highway, one way street - my way
6. Anger - shouting, coarse words,
7. Condemnation - blaming and shaming
8. Criticism - nit pickers, fault finders, nagging
9. Insult - belittle, humiliate, wounding words
10. Complaining -

Silence! Isolation is just as deadly as corrupt communication.

Solution

Kindness,
giving of thanks,
loving words,
edifying words,
healing words,
forgiving words,
gracious words,
tenderhearted words,

Against such things there is no law.

Chapter 4

- 24 And that you **put on the new man**, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.
- 25 Wherefore **putting away** lying, *speaking every man truth* with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.
- 26 Be angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:
- 27 Neither give place to the devil.
- 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needs.
- 29 **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.*
- 30 And **grieve not the holy Spirit of God**, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.
- 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be **put away** from you, with all malice:
- 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Chapter 5

- 3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;
- 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

PUT OFF/TAKE AWAY (take out the garbage)

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- 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.
- 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.
- 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;
- 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
- 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

PUT ON/PLUNGE INTO

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EPHESIANS 4 (NIV)

23. to be made new in the attitude of your minds;
24. and to **put on** the new self, created to be like God in true *righteousness* and *holiness*.
25. Therefore each of you must **put off** **falsehood** and *speak truthfully* to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.
26. "*In your anger do not sin*" : Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,
27. and do not give the devil a foothold.
28. He who has been **stealing** must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.
29. Do not let any **unwholesome talk** come out of your mouths, but only what is *helpful for building others up* according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.
30. And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God**, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
31. Get rid of all **bitterness**, **rage** and **anger**, **brawling** and **slander**, along with every form of **malice**.
32. Be *kind* and *compassionate* to one another, *forgiving* each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

EPHESIANS 5 (NIV)

1. *Be imitators of God*, therefore, as dearly loved children
2. and *live a life of love*, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
3. But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.
4. Nor should there be **obscenity**, **foolish talk** or **coarse joking**, which are out of place, but rather *thanksgiving*.

17. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.
18. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.
19. **Speak** to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and *make music* in your heart to the Lord,
20. always *giving thanks* to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
21. *Submit* to one another out of reverence for Christ.

PUT AWAY (pick it up, hold it up, take it out, dump it, bury it)

142 airo *ah'-ee-ro* (from which we get aero-space) Lift up and carry away stench

CORRUPT

4550 sapos *sap-ros'*

from 4595; sepo = rotten, decaying, rusted, corroded = rotten, putrifying

PUT ON

1746 enduo *en-doo'-o* (en = with duo = plunge into (in the sense of sinking into a garment);

Cover yourself in it completely, like a coveralls

10 Corrupt Conversations (which are forbidden)

1. LYING

5579 pseudos *psyoo'-dos* (blow things out of proportion, jump to conclusions, misinterpret)

exaggeration, pretense, acting, hypocrisy

2. BITTERNESS

4088 pikria *pik-ree'-ah* (from which we get paprika, or pepper)

Salt, not pepper - Salt heals, purifies, preserves

3. WRATH

2372 thumos *thoo-mos'* (thermus) thuo = passover sacrificial lamb or inflaming language

4. ANGER

3709 orge *or-gay'* (from which we get Ogre) mean, violent emotion grabbing after

5. CLAMOUR

2906 krauge *krow-gay'* (from which we get grouch)

Root: krazo = to cry like a crow or blackbird

6. EVIL SPEAKING

988 blasphemia *blas-fay-me'-ah* (blasphemy - abusive language)

7. MALICE

2549 kakia *kak-ee'-ah* (from which we get malevolence)

Bad Feelings - ill will - curse wishing (bird of paradise fly up your nose)

8. FILTHINESS

151 aischrotes *ahee-skhrot'-ace* (obscenities) dishonor or disfigure

9. FOOLISH TALK

3473 morologia *mo-rol-og-ee'-ah* (from which we get Moron)

Literally Moro-legos = moron words

10. JESTING

2160 eutrapelia *yoo-trap-el-ee'-ah* (eu=well trapos = to turn into - sarcasm, witty retorts, humorous insults)

SOLUTIONS: (Remedies)

kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, giving of thanks, true holiness,

let not the sun go down upon your wrath, good to the use of edifying, minister grace unto the hearers

CORRUPT

4550 sapos *sap-ros'* (road kill, stinking, smelling, rotting)

from 4595; sepo = rotten, decaying, rusted, corroded

AV-corrupt 7, bad 1; 8

1) **rotten, putrefied**

2) corrupted by one and no longer fit for use, worn out

3) of poor quality, bad, unfit for use, worthless

PUT AWAY

142 airo *ah'-ee-ro* (from which we get aero-space)

AV-take up 32, take away 25, take 25, away with 5, lift up 4, bear 3, misc 8; 102

1) **to raise up, elevate, lift up** 1a) to raise from the ground, take up: stones

1b) to raise upwards, elevate, lift up: the hand 1c) to draw up: a fish

2) to take upon one's self and carry what has been raised up, to bear

3) to **bear away what has been raised**, carry off

3a) to move from its place 3b) to take off or away what is attached to anything

3c) to remove 3d) to carry off, carry away with one

3e) to appropriate what is taken 3f) to take away from another what is his or what is committed to him, to take by force 3g) to take and apply to any use 3h) to take from among the living, either by a natural death, or by violence 3i) cause to cease

PUT ON

1746 enduo *en-doo'-o* (be endowed - (en = with duo = plunge into)

from 1722 and 1416 (in the sense of sinking into a garment);

AV-put on, clothed with 2, clothed in 2, have on 2, clothe with 1, be endued 1, arrayed in 1, be clothed 1,

1) to sink into (clothing), put on, clothe one's self

2) Plunge into

Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Ephesians 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Colossians 3:10 And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Colossians 3:12 ¶ Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

Colossians 3:14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

DO NOT GRIEVE THE SPIRIT OF GOD (*in your homes, God is listening!*)

To grieve, offend, to make one uneasy, cause him a shame

1 Peter 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

1. LYING

5579 pseudos *psyoo'-dos* (blow things out of proportion, jump to conclusions, misinterpret)
from 5574;

AV-lie 7, lying 2; 9

- 1) a lie - to speak deliberate falsehoods, exaggerate for effect, deceive and distort
- 2) conscious and intentional falsehood
- 3) in a broad sense, whatever is not what it seems to be 3a) of perverse, impious, deceitful precepts

2. BITTERNESS

4088 pikria *pik-ree'-ah* (from which we get paprika, or pepper)
from 4089;

AV-bitterness 4; 4

- 1) bitter gall
 - 1a) extreme wickedness, harsh, virulent
 - 1b) a bitter root, and so producing a bitter fruit
 - 1c) metaph. bitterness, bitter hatred

3. WRATH

2372 thumos *thoo-mos'* (thermus) *thuo* = passover sacrificial lamb
from 2380;

AV-wrath 15, fierceness 2, indignation 1; 18

- 1) passion, **angry, heat**, anger forthwith **boiling up** and soon subsiding again
- 2) glow, ardour, the wine of passion, **inflaming** wine (which either drives the drinker mad or kills him with its strength)

4. ANGER

3709 orge *or-gay'* (from which we get Ogre)
from 3713;

AV-wrath 31, anger 3, vengeance 1, indignation 1; 36

- 1) anger, the natural disposition, **temper**, character
- 2) movement or agitation of the soul, impulse, desire, any **violent emotion**, but esp. anger
- 3) anger, wrath, indignation
- 4) anger exhibited in punishment, hence used for punishment itself
 - 4a) of punishments inflicted by magistrates

Oregomai (covetous desire - bit and devour one another)

- 1) to stretch one's self out in order to touch or to grasp something, to reach after or desire something
- 2) to give one's self up to the love of money

5. CLAMOUR

2906 krauge *krow-gay'* (from which we get grouch)
from 2896;

AV-cry 3, crying 2, clamour 1; 6

- 1) a crying, outcry, clamour

Root: *krazo* = to cry like a crow or blackbird

6. EVIL SPEAKING

988 blasphemia *blas-fay-me'-ah* (blasphemy - abusive language)
from 989;

AV-blasphemy 16, railing 2, evil speaking 1; 19

- 1) slander, detraction, speech **injurious**, to another's good name
- 2) impious and reproachful speech injurious to divine majesty
- 3) **railing, abusive**

7. MALICE

2549 kakia *kak-ee'-ah* (from which we get malevolence)

from 2556; root: Kakos - evil, or bad nature

AV-malice 6, maliciousness 2, evil 1, wickedness 1, naughtiness 1; 11

1) malignity, malice, **ill-will**, desire to injure

2) wickedness, depravity 2a) wickedness that is not ashamed to break laws

3) evil, trouble

For Synonyms see entry 5855

Bad Feelings - ill will - curse wishing (bird of paradise fly up your nose)

EPHESIANS 5:

8. FILTHINESS

151 aischrotes *ahee-skhrot'-ace* (obscenities)

from 150; to dishonor or disfigure

AV-filthiness 1; 1

1) **obscenity**, filthiness

9. FOOLISH TALK

3473 morologia *mo-rol-og-ee'-ah* (from which we get Moron)

from a compound of 3474 and 3004; Literally Moro-legos = moron words

AV-foolish talking 1; 1

1) foolish talking

For Synonyms see entry 5881 = moros or moron

Synonyms for Sins of the Tongue.

morologia, used only once in the N.T., is *foolish talking*, but this in the Biblical sense of the word foolish, which implies that it is also sinful. It is conversation which is first insipid, then corrupt. It is random talk, which naturally reveals the vanity and sin of the heart.

aischune, also used once, means any kind of disgraceful

language, especially abuse of others. In classical Greek it sometimes means distinctively language which leads to lewdness. Vugar talk, disgraceful talk, shameful talk

eutrapelia, occurring once, originally meant *versatility in conversation*. It acquires, however, an unfavorable meaning, since polished, refined conversation has a tendency to become evil in many ways. The word denotes, then, a subtle form of evil-speaking, sinful conversation without the coarseness which frequently accompanies it, but not without its malignity.

10. JESTING

2160 eutrapelia *yoo-trap-el-ee'-ah* (eu=well trapos = to turn into - sarcasm, witty retorts, humorous insults)

from a compound of 2095 and a derivative of the base of 5157

(meaning well-turned, i.e. **ready at repartee**, jocose); ;n f

AV-jesting 1; 1

1) pleasantry, humour, facetiousness

2) in a bad sense 2a) scurrility, ribaldry, low jesting

GRIEVE

3076 lupeo *loo-peh'-o*

from 3077; TDNT-4:313,540; v

AV-be sorrowful 6, grieve 6, make sorry 6, be sorry 3, sorrow 3, cause grief 1, be in heaviness 1; 26

1) to make sorrowful 2) to affect with sadness, cause grief, to throw into sorrow

3) to grieve, offend 4) to make one uneasy, cause him a scruple

For Synonyms see entry 5932

3077 lupe *loo'-pay*

apparently a root word; TDNT-4:313,540; n f

AV-sorrow 11, heaviness 2, grievous 1, grudging+1537 1, grief 1 16

1) sorrow, pain, grief, annoyance, affliction

1a) of persons mourning