

Communication

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Proverbs 18:21 "Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
and those who love it will eat its fruits.

Poor Communication

1. Small Talk
 - a. Word deficit – a simple lack of talking.
 - b. Topic avoidance – Unwilling to talk about a needed issue
 - c. Apathetic Talk – Usually displayed with blank stare, inattention, or lack of enthusiasm.
 - d. Deficient sharing – You don't let people into your life
 - e. Acknowledgment deficient – No feedback for what has been shared
2. Over Talk
 - a. Monopolizing – Dominating the conversation
 - b. Gossip – words about someone to those who aren't a part of the solution.
 - c. Defensive speech – not humbly taking responsibility for the sin that is identified.
 - d. Takeover speech – stealing the punch-line or the conclusion of the story
 - e. Badgering – persistent harassing on a single topic
 - f. Situational overtalk – Certain topics that you know well and so you monopolize
 - g. Self-centered speech – speech that revolves around you.
3. Communication Jammers
 - a. Falsehood
 - i. Blatant lying
 - ii. Exaggerating – Something blown out of proportion. Often accompanied by "always", "never", "totally", "absolutely"
 - iii. Misrepresentation - the truth is twisted by additions, omissions, and rearrangement.
 - b. Unwholesome talk
 - i. Sidetracking – jumping from one issue to another before any can get resolved
 - ii. Slamming – Hurling harsh or cutting words that kill good communication
 - iii. Cancellation speech- Something encouraging is said, only to be cancelled out in the next breath. "I am glad you got an A, but you also got a C."
 - iv. Gunpowder speech – Explosive responses that invite more of the same
 - v. Ventriloquist speech – when one person speaks for someone else
 - vi. Final word speech – when someone has the attitude that once they have spoken, nothing more need be added
 - vii. Excessive negative speech – constant complaining and criticisms
 - viii. Mind-reading speech – speculating on the thoughts or motives of the other person
 - ix. Verbal Manipulation – verbal attempts to control or punish people.
 - x. Double-bind speech – sending conflicting messages. "Sure you can go play golf, if you don't mind leaving me all by myself to do this backbreaking work.
 - xi. Cotton Candy speech – speech that is superficial and has no depth
 - xii. Excessive heavy-weight speech – Continuously serious and sober talk
 - xiii. Knee-jerk speech – Speech made without thought and without needed information.

Good Communication

1. Properly Motivated – You speech is for their good and their growth
2. Properly Mannered – Your speech is humble, gentle, patient, kind, and truthful
3. Properly Timed – Some moments are not conducive for getting the message across, other moments are perfect.
4. Properly Placed – Not saying in public, what should only be said in private.