

COMMUNICATION PRINCIPLES FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

Communication Should Benefit the Hearer

“Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.” (Proverbs 16:24)

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.” (Proverbs 18:21)

“A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.” (Proverbs 15:4)

Communication Should Be Valuable and Appropriate

“The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth.” (Proverbs 10:20)

“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.” (Proverbs 25:11)

“A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!” (Proverbs 15:23)

Communication Should Bring Wisdom and Insight

“In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.” (Proverbs 10:13)

“The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out.” (Proverbs 10:31)

Communication Should be True and Honest, not Simply Flattering

“Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight.” (Proverbs 12:22)

“A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.” (Proverbs 29:5)

“He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.” (Proverbs 28:23)

Communication Should be Considered Before it is Given

“The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.” (Proverbs 15:28)

“He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.” (Proverbs 18:13)

“Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.” (Proverbs 21:23)

Communication Should Be Preceded by Listening

“Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.” (Proverbs 10:14)

“Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge. For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.” (Proverbs 22:17-18)

“For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.” (Proverbs 24:6)

Communication Should be Necessary

“In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise.” (Proverbs 10:19)

“He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.” (Proverbs 17:27)

“A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.” (Proverbs 29:11)

Communication Should Not be Negative or Damaging

“He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.” (Proverbs 10:18)

“An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.” (Proverbs 11:9)

“The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.” (Proverbs 18:8)

Remember: We Must Give Account to God for Our Words

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

