



Doing Life Together – Communication, Part 3

29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Ephesians 4:29

Keeping a strong connection

1. Pay attention and really listen before you respond.

If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame.



Proverbs 18:13



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1. Pay attention and really listen before you respond.

There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Proverbs 12:18

Keeping a strong connection

2. Be gentle in my tone.

A soft answer turns away wrath...

Proverbs 15:1

The fruit of the Spirit is....gentleness...

Galatians 5:22-23

*With patience a ruler may be
persuaded, and a soft tongue will
break a bone.*

Proverbs 25:15

Keeping a strong connection

3. Be trustworthy.

Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who act faithfully are his delight

Proverbs 12:22



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4. Express my concerns.

¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

Ephesians 4:15

**Espresso
Yourself!!**



Keeping a strong connection

5. Overlook someone else's sin when I can.

*Good sense makes one slow to anger,
and it is his glory to overlook an
offense.*

Proverbs 19:11

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6. Choose the right time to talk.

*There is... a time to be silent and
a time to speak.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1,7



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7. Stop and examine myself before pointing out wrong in others.

- *³ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.*

Matthew 7:3-5

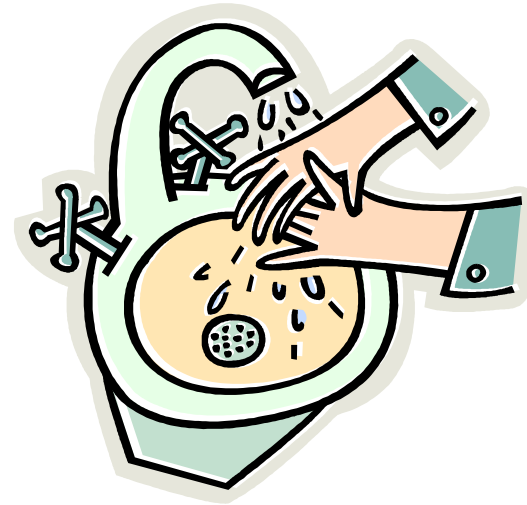


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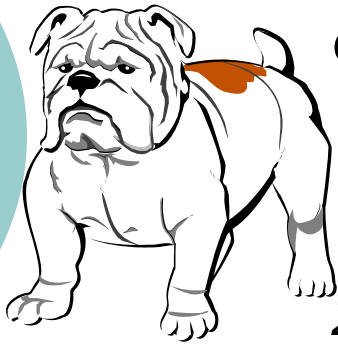
8. Seek forgiveness.

*Be... forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave
you.*

James 5:16



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9. Be committed to resolving conflict.

²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 5:23-24



Keeping a strong connection

10. Seek wise counsel when needed.

*Without counsel plans fail, but with
many advisers they succeed.*

Proverbs 15:22

The Foundation: Reconciliation with Christ

...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

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²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21