



# Doing Life Together – Communication, Part 2

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*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*

# Troubleshooting a Bad Connection

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1. Do I use the wrong tone of voice?

*...a harsh word stirs up anger.*

*Proverbs 15:1*



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2. Do I use sinful facial expressions?

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scorns to obey a mother...*



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*The eye that mocks a father and scorns to obey a mother* should look for a time-out chair, and then sit its bottom there to get a better attitude.

Hez. 7:11 (Non-Inspired Version)

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2. Do I use sinful facial expressions?



*The eye that mocks a father and scorns to obey a mother will be picked out by the ravens of the valley and eaten by the vultures.*

*Proverbs 30:17*

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3. Do I blow up? (vent my anger on you)

*A fool gives full vent to his spirit,  
but a wise man quietly holds it  
back.*

*Proverbs 29:11*



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3. Do I blow up? (vent my anger on you)

*<sup>19</sup> Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*

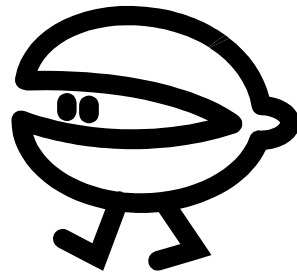
*James 1:19-20*

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4. Do I clam up? (internalize my anger or pain?)

*Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go  
down on your anger, Ephesians 4:26*





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5. Do I interrupt you?

*"Love...is not rude."*

*1 Corinthians 13:5*



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6. Do I use sweeping generalizations?

(you always, you never...)



*You shall not lie.*

*Exodus 20:16*

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10. Do I dominate the conversation?



*When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.  
Proverbs 10:19*

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7. Do I judge your motives?



*<sup>5</sup> Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.*

*1 Corinthians 4:5*

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## 8. Do I refuse to forgive?

*<sup>32</sup> Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

*Ephesians 4:32*



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9. Do I dig up past sins I've promised to forgive?

*For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.*

*Hebrews 8:12*



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9. Do I dig up past sins I've promised to forgive?



Forgiveness is a promise:

- not to continue to dwell on the sin.
- not to talk about the sin to others.
- not to talk about the sin to the forgiven person.

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*Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high*

*Hebrews 1:1-3*