



Communication and Marital Intimacy

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1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

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“Communication is key to achieving an intimate, lasting marriage. Statistics reveal that . . . 86 percent of divorces are fueled by deficient communication” **(Gary Chapman)**.

Through loving and effective communication, marriage couples can weather any storm. But when communication breaks down, every dark cloud seems to cause significant damage to the relationship.

In our text, Paul gave an inspired description of genuine love from which we can learn wise principles of loving communication.

Main Thought...

→ _____ communication is a vital key to marital intimacy.

1. Communication _____ with love and respect (v. 1-3).

- Loving communication calls for using more than words.
- Loving communication calls for learning how to listen.

1 Jn. 3:18; Jam. 1:19; Pr. 18:13

2. Communication _____ being patient and kind (v. 4-5).

1 Cor. 13:11; Pr. 12:18; 15:1; 18:21; 21:9; Eph. 4:29; Col. 4:6

3. Communication _____ speaking truth in love (v. 6).

Eph. 4:15; Pr. 12:22

4. Communication _____ endure to the end (v. 7-8a).

Eph. 4:26-27; Col. 3:13

Final Thoughts...

→ Are you willing to _____ ask for forgiveness?

→ Are you willing to _____ give your forgiveness?