

Godly Communication Part 2. The heart of communication.

All communication flows from the heart: “Out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks” (Luke 6:45). Our problem is not merely wrong words or bad habits, but a sinful, self-centered heart that naturally says, “My will be done.” God’s solution is to give us a new heart and His Spirit (Ezekiel 36:26–27), making our hearts springs of “living water” in Christ.

Because our desires are often ruled by selfish pleasure (James 4:1–3), our words lead to conflict—in families, friendships, churches, and even nations. To communicate God’s way, we must repent, desire God’s will, and seek godly wisdom that measures everything back to God rather than self. This involves daily denying ourselves, taking up our cross (Luke 9:23), and drawing near to God so He purifies our hearts.

Humility is essential: “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble” (James 4:6). Pride is the root of sin and broken communication, while humility opens the way to intimate fellowship with God, as seen in Moses’ example. Love is also central: without love, even the most eloquent speech and sacrificial acts are nothing (1 Corinthians 13:1–3). True godly communication is marked by faith in God, a desire for His will, deep humility, Christlike love, and steadfast commitment to obey Him, echoing Jesus’ own prayer: “Not as I will, but as You will.”

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.” (1 Corinthians 13:1–3, NKJV)

What does this passage teach us not only about the words we say, but the heart behind them?

Matthew 22:36–40

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, “ ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Our love should first be upward, then outward, this is not a self-seeking love, but sacrificial love. How important is it for us as followers of Christ to strive to love others in our speech?

James 4:1

“Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?”

What specific areas of your life do you need to be most on guard about your own desires getting in the way of Godly communication?

James 4:6–7

“God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.” Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

Pride is an enemy of Godly communication, both in our prayer lives and with others. Ask God to help show you any areas of pride. If you are aware of any specific areas, write them below along with a prayer asking God for forgiveness and to teach you to be humble.

James 4:8

“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”

Do you have a daily time set apart to read God’s Word and pray? Yes__ No__

If not commit a time each day, you can set apart a time alone with God and write the specific time of day and amount of time below.

Philippians 2:5-8

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

Our goal should be to be like Jesus. What can you learn from His example in the above passage?

Numbers 12:3

“(Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.)”

How can you grow in humility?

Matthew 26:39

Jesus prayed, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

Commitment to God's will is essential in trials. What can you learn from Christ prayer?

Hebrews 11:6

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

To communicate with God or God's way with others, we must be confident in God and His ways.

How important is it for us to trust God in conflict?

Luke 9:23

"Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."

Do you desire to communicate God's way? If so, write a prayer below asking God to grow you in this area.
