

Talking ≠ Communicating

MARRIAGE ON THE ROCK

Words have _____.

Proverbs 18:20-21 From the fruit of his mouth a man's stomach is filled; with the harvest from his lips he is satisfied. The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

James 3:5-6 Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

Words are _____.

Matthew 12:36-37 But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

Proverbs 26:18-19 Like a madman shooting firebrands or deadly arrows is a man who deceives his neighbor and says, "I was only joking!"

Men and women communicate _____.

Proper communication in marriage occurs when the needs and the differences are understood and

_____.

Keys to Communication in Marriage

KEY #1 - Mutual Concern = " _____ "

Eye contact

Body language & affection

Look on your face

Tone of voice

Frequency of Contact

Attitude

Sensitivity

Be a first _____.

Proverbs 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

KEY #2 - Intellectual Devotion =

“ _____ ”

KEY #3 - Verbal Affirmation = “ _____ ”

Psalm 100:4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Psalm 50:23 He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God."

KEY #4 - Loving Confrontation =

“ _____ ”

Ephesians 4:15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

Proverbs 3:3-4 Don't let mercy and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

Confrontation Tips:

1. _____ the truth with love.

2. Have proper _____.

Proverbs 15:23 A man finds joy in giving an apt reply-- and how good is a timely word!

Ephesians 4:26-27 "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

3. Begin with _____.

4. _____ your own feelings and opinions.

Exodus 4:10-12 Moses said to the LORD, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." The LORD said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."