

Home Improvement - Rewiring the Lines of Communication April 15, 2018 - Sermon by: Pastor Bryan Tomes

Text:

Prov. 3:33 (NASB)

- *The curse of the Lord is on the house of the wicked, But He blesses the dwelling of the righteous.*
The quickest way to bring the presence of God to your home is to get right with God – the blessing of God is on the house of the righteous.

Prov. 24:3-4 (NASB)

- By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; and by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

Intro:

Wisdom Requires Understanding for a Home Improvement:

- Nothing hinders wisdom like a lack of understanding
 - o My people perish for lack of knowledge
- Wisdom Houses Knowledge & Understanding
 - o Righteousness, Truth + Application = Wisdom

A Great Key to Understanding Is Good Communication

- Transmitting & Receiving Make Up Communication – a dialogue
- A MegaPhone is Not A Telephone – No Receiver
 - o Too many people “pray” to God but they are really only talking TO God but they are not listening to His feedback and listening to what He has to say
- Too many people are transmitting and not enough people are receiving!
- Understanding happens after talking and listening.

Poor Communication Is the Number One Reason Most Homes Are Troubled

- My kids don't listen ... are you listening to them?
 - o Yelling is the poorest form of communication
- We're just not on the same page ...
- We don't talk anymore ... you have to share the conversation
- I don't know why I bother – he doesn't do anything I ask

Communication is: a process (either verbal or non-verbal) of sharing information with another person/s in such a way that he/she understands what you are saying.

- The elements of communication are talking, listening and understanding.
- Often we want to tell others what to do but not be told what to do

George Bernard Shaw - The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has actually taken place.

Peter Drucker - The Most important thing in communication is to hear what isn't being said!

Other Famous Quotes:

- Say what you mean, mean what you say, and don't be mean when you say it!
- Two Monologues do not make a Dialogue!
- I've got nothing to say and I'm only going to say it once!

It's been said that Communication is the Language of Leadership

Patrick Lencioni may be a Business Guru but Communication is Communication...

His 3 keys to communication are...

- **Simple Messages:** Things needs to Clear and Simple
 - o Complexity hinders progress – I personally think the reason is – because complexity hinders clarity
 - o #ClarityMatters
- **Repetition:** Things that are important need to be repeated
- **Multiple Mediums:** Needs to repackage over and over.

One of the key problems in communicating is making your-self understood.

We often think we understand what someone is saying, but often what we heard is not what they meant at all. We need to be careful on how we listen, not just how we speak.

- Contractor Cut A Hole on side of a house because he thought the owner said "Sunday" when he said "Someday" For The New Sliding Glass Door...

Not being understood, or not being able to understand causes great stress and frustration and often leads to anger and aggression...

Communication experts point out that when you talk with another person there are actually six messages that can come through.

1. What you mean to say.
2. What you actually say,
3. What the other person hears.
4. What the other person thinks he hears.
5. What the other person says about what you said.
6. What you think the other person says about what you said.
The enemy is always trying to twist what is said.

3 Keys from The Bible Concerning Communication

James 1:19,20 – (NIV)

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

- Quick to Listen: (Find Out What's Important)
 - More Important Than Speaking!
 - That's Why We Have 2 Ears and 1 Mouth
 - Is Vital to Understanding
 - Slow to Speak: (Wait To Respond)
- You Do Not Have to Respond Immediately!
 - What to say: appropriate responses
 - How to say it – learn to apologize
 - When to say it (timing is everything)
 - Slow to Anger (Accept What is Truth)
- Here is where many go wrong.
- Our Actions Must Be Righteous!

Colossians 4:6: (NIV)

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone

- Grace: *Charis* (Grk) Forgiveness & Favor, A Touch of God
Every conversation should be full of favor.
- Salt: Metaphorically used for Wisdom and Prudence. – Flavor & Preservative
- So That You May Know: Acquired Knowledge (Intuition)

Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

- Unwholesome Talk – don't speak death into situations; speak life into situations
 - The NLT – Stop Telling Lies
 - Falsehood – NASB
- Building Others Up

Closing Helps For Better Communication

1. Listen Carefully
2. Respond Prayerfully
3. Record Legibly