



THE MASTER'S UNIVERSITY

God's Design For Communication

Introductory counseling issues:

1. Good communication in the Christian marriage does not happen automatically! Neither is the Christian marriage immune from problems. Why?
2. Good marriages and loving relationships can be built by couples who are committed to be God's kind of Husband and Wife.

We can glean four important rule of interpersonal communication in marriage from Ephesians 4:25-32.

I. Be _____! (Ephesians 4:25)

A. Speak!

1. Greek imperative _____.
2. People cannot read your _____.
3. _____ is out for the Christian.

B. Speak truth!

1. Speaking the truth is a verb form that involves _____ action.
2. Examples of the way you may be dishonest in your speech:
 - a. Outright _____
 - b. Incongruencies:
 - c. Disguised communication:

3. Honesty is more than not lying—it is being _____.
 4. It is an _____.
 5. Colossians 3:9
- C. Speak the truth lovingly! (cf. 4:15)
1. Sometimes you can be _____ with the truth.
 2. Christians are to speak the truth with the other person's _____ interests in mind..
 3. Colossians 4:6

II. Keep _____! (Ephesians 4:26, 27)

- A. Be angry and _____ not.
- B. Failure to solve each day's problems that day means you are:.
1. Guilty of _____.
 2. Opening the way to _____ and _____.
 3. Distorting subsequent _____.
 4. Endangering your _____ relationship.

C. Matthew 6:34

III. Attack _____--Not _____! (Ephesians 4:29-30)

A. Unwholesome words?

B. Edifying words

IV. Act! Don't _____ (Ephesians 4:31-32)

A. Reactions to problems (v. 31)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

B. Actions (v. 32)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.