

Focus on the Family: Building Great Family Communication

Proverbs 15:4

The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if how other members of your family communicated with you was thoughtful, kind, and encouraging? As a Christian family we need to allow God to use our mouth to build and bless our family. Let's look at several ways that we can honor the Lord and families as we communicate.

1. Great communication starts with listening.
Psalm 141:3, Proverbs 10:19, 18:13, James 1:19

2. Great communication speaks out of love.
Ephesians 4:14-16, 4:25, 1 Peter 4:11

3. Great communication checks its emotions.
Proverbs 15:1-2, 25:11-12, Ephesians 4:26

4. Great communication builds.
Psalm 19:14, Proverbs 15:23, 16:24, 17:22, Ephesians 4:29, Colossians 4:6, Philippians 4:8, Romans 12:14-15,

5. Great communication forgives.
Ephesians 4:31-32, Colossians 3:13