

**B.** Good communication is a \_\_\_\_\_ street involving free, open talking and careful, attentive listening.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ ~ Ask yourself these questions:
- a. Is it both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_?  
*“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.”*  
Ephesians 4:15
- b. Is it the best \_\_\_\_\_ to say it?  
*“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.”*  
Proverbs 25:11
- c. Is it the right \_\_\_\_\_ to say it?  
*“A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!”*  
Proverbs 15:23

2. \_\_\_\_\_ ~ Put on these hearing aids:
- a. Good listening involves letting the other person speak without \_\_\_\_\_.  
*“He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.”* Proverbs 18:13
- b. Good listening involves giving the other person your undivided \_\_\_\_\_.  
*“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath”* Jms 1:19
- c. Good listening involves making sure you understand what the other person is \_\_\_\_\_.  
*“Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.”* Prov 20:5

**CONCLUSION:** Yay Marriage requires losing the “I” and adding the “we”.

*“Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.”*  
Philippians 2:4

**YAY MARRIAGE**  
**Keeping Communication Lines Open**  
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## INTRODUCTION

**A.** Yay Marriage! Let’s celebrate marriage together!!

*“Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.”* Proverbs 5:18

*“Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.”* Hebrews 13:4

**B.** Every marriage struggles at some point because they are a unique blend of personalities, history, circumstances, and problems. This teaching series will show you how to enjoy your marriage, and all relationships, through the love and respect connection.

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**C. TEXT:** Ephesians 5:4-14 (4, 6, 12) (Pew Bible/Pg 199/New Test.)

Communication is to a relationship what blood is to a body. It keeps its alive.

## KEEPING COMMUNICATION LINES OPEN

### I. RECOGNIZE THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF COMMUNICATION

*“For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:”*

I Peter 3:10

Negative consequences of poor communication:

#### A. \_\_\_\_\_ is hindered.

*“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.”*

Genesis 2:24

#### B. \_\_\_\_\_ are unresolved.

*“Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.”*

Matthew 18:15

#### C. \_\_\_\_\_ is allowed.

*“33: For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.*

*40: Let all things be done decently and in order.”*

I Corinthians 14:33, 40

#### D. \_\_\_\_\_ is unclear.

*“And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”*

Deuteronomy 6:7

### II. FOLLOW THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF COMMUNICATION

#### A. Communicate with \_\_\_\_\_ and He will help you communicate with people.

*“34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.*

*35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.”*

Matthew 12:34-35

*“Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.”*

Psalm 141:3

#### B. God created males and females with unique communication \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”*

Genesis 1:27

*“Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.”*

Ephesians 5:33

### III. UNDERSTAND THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF COMMUNICATION

#### A. Communicating with one another is a \_\_\_\_\_ process.

Specialists point out that when you talk with another person there are actually six messages that come through:

1. What you \_\_\_\_\_ to say.
2. What you \_\_\_\_\_ say.
3. What the other person \_\_\_\_\_.
4. What the other person \_\_\_\_\_ they hear.
5. What the other person \_\_\_\_\_ about what you said.
6. What you \_\_\_\_\_ the other person says about what you said.

The result is that, sometimes there are \_\_\_\_\_.