



SECRETS

of Successful Families

His Design | Sunday, May 10 | Week 5

LESSON FOUR: **Positive Communication**

INTRODUCTION: _____

But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. MATTHEW 12:36-37

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. PROVERBS 18:21

Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. JAMES 3:3-8

Six Traits of Destructive Communication

- Silence
- Verbal abuse
- Manipulation
- Erratic and inconsistent behavior
- Dishonesty
- Secret keeping

1. THE FOUNDATION OF A POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. PSALM 100:4

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. PSALM 118:24

2. THE FOUNDATION OF FUN AND _____

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones. PROVERBS 17:22

Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones. PROVERBS 16:24

Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad. PROVERBS 12:25

3. THE FOUNDATION OF SAFE AND _____ SHARING

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: EPHESIANS 4:15

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. EPHESIANS 4:29

4. THE FOUNDATION OF _____ RESOLUTION

A. Deal with conflicts on a _____ basis.

Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil. EPHESIANS 4:26-27

B. Deal with conflicts in a _____ manner.

Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. COLOSSIANS 4:6

A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. PROVERBS 15:1

C. Confront in a _____ manner.

But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. JAMES 4:6

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. PROVERBS 16:18

But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: MATTHEW 20:26-27

D. _____.

Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: JAMES 1:19

E. Resolve the _____.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. MATTHEW 5:9

CONCLUSION: _____

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