

Introduction: The Christian's communication should be different than the world's communication. Christ-likeness has to do not only with conduct but also with communication. Solomon informs us about good communication.

1. PATTERNS OF GOOD COMMUNICATION (What is good communication?)

Solomon lists 13 items that illustrates good communication.

- A. Proverbs 8:6 = speak excellent things
- B. Proverbs 8:6 (23:16) = speak right things
- C. Proverbs 8:7 (12:17; 22:21) = speak truth
- D. Proverbs 8:8 (24:26) = speak righteous things
- E. Proverbs 10:21 = feeds many (teaches or benefits others)
- F. Proverbs 10:31 = bring forth wisdom to others
- G. Proverbs 12:6 (12:25) = helps others with speech
- H. Proverbs 15:1 (25:15) = soft answers
- I. Proverbs 15:4 = wholesomeness
- J. Proverbs 15:7 = dispenses knowledge
- K. Proverbs 15:26 (16:21; 16:24) = pleasant words
- L. Proverbs 17:7 = excellent speech
- M. Proverbs 27:5-6 = open and honest speech

2. PRACTICE OF GOOD COMMUNICATION (What develops good communication?)

Solomon tells us that there are 12 ways to practice good communication.

- A. Proverbs 4:5 (5:2; 7:1,24; 22:17-18) = listen to and use words of wisdom
- B. Proverbs 8:6 = make the choice to speak right things
- C. Proverbs 10:31 = desire to bring forth wisdom
- D. Proverbs 10:32 = learn what is acceptable
- E. Proverbs 11:9 (12:6) = use your speech to help others (deliver them from harm)
- F. Proverbs 15:2 = learn to use knowledge properly

G. Proverbs 15:23 (25:11) = learn to speak good words in their proper timing

H. Proverbs 15:28 = study an answer before giving it

I. Proverbs 16:23 = teach your mouth proper speech

J. Proverbs 17:27 = use words sparingly

K. Proverbs 21:23 = learn to guard your mouth

L. Proverbs 29:11 = keep your thoughts until you have reviewed them and the right time

3. PROFITABILITY OF GOOD COMMUNICATION (What are the results of good communication?)

Solomon tells how profitable good communication really is.

A. Proverbs 10:21 = “benefits” others

B. Proverbs 12:14 = fruit of your mouth brings “satisfaction”

C. Proverbs 12:18 = tongue of the wise brings “health”

D. Proverbs 13:2 = by the fruit of your speech one enjoys “good”

E. Proverbs 14:3 = lips of the wise shall “preserve” them

F. Proverbs 15:1 = turns away wrath

G. Proverbs 15:23 = has “joy” by the answer of the mouth

H. Proverbs 16:21 = the sweetness of the lips increases learning

I. Proverbs 16:24 = pleasant words are “sweet” to the soul and “health” to the bones

J. Proverbs 23:16 = brings “joy” to a father

K. Proverbs 24:26 = makes others “happy”

L. Proverbs 25:25 = “satisfies” others

4. PRECIOUSNESS OF GOOD COMMUNICATION (How important is good communication?)

Solomon tells us the importance of good communication.

A. Proverbs 10:11 = the mouth of the righteous is a well of life

B. Proverbs 10:20 = the tongue of the just is as choice silver

C. Proverbs 12:19 = the lips of truth shall be established forever

D. Proverbs 15:4 = a wholesome tongue is a tree of life

E. Proverbs 16:24 = pleasant words are as honey comb

F. Proverbs 18:4 = words of a man's mouth are as deep waters

G. Proverbs 18:21 = death and life are in the power of the tongue

H. Proverbs 20:15 = lips of knowledge are a precious jewel

Conclusion: Christians can use good communication while living and working in a world that uses bad communication. Solomon helps us understand what good communication is and how to develop good communication skills. Christians can benefit from Solomon's wisdom in the area of their everyday life.