

Opening the Windows To Our Home **Eph. 4: 25-32**

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1. I'm before you this morning with 3 primary purposes: to honor the Lord with our worship, to honor our mothers, and to continue the discussion on how we can improve our homes. All three of these are lifetime tasks.
2. We have been talking about Home Improvements for our marriages and families.
 - a. All families get off course. When a plane takes off from the airport it has a definite destination. It is our job to keep our families on the right course.
 - b. One trait that families always seem to come back to is communication.
3. Good communication is needed in the home. It is needed in every aspect of life.
4. Fortunately, we do have a guide about our communication.

I. What Kills Effective Communication?

- A Over commitment will impede communication.
- B Materialism will stand in the way.
- C Fear will stifle communication.
- D The difference between men and women will effect our communication.

II. What Does The Bible Say About Communication?

- A The Bible recognizes the importance of good communication.
- B Passages such as the following give instruction on the importance of communication.
(Prov 18:21-22; 26:22; Prov 29:20; James 3:7; 1 Pet 3:10)
- C **Eph 4: 25-32** are God's instructions for healthy relationships.
- D Every family member needs building up. **(Col 3:12-14)**
 1. **(1 Thess. 5:11)**

III. What Can We Do To Improve Communication?

- A Develop an interest in each other.
- B Use active communication skills.
- C Monitor the content of your communication.
- D Take time to talk.

Conclusion:

1. Communication is very important to the life of a family.
2. Circle the phrase that you feel describes the quality of communication in your family.
 - a. Needs no improvement
 - b. Satisfactory
 - c. Inconsistent
 - d. Superficial
 - e. Highly inadequate.

Now go back and underline the phrase you think your spouse would choose. Discuss the results together.