

Family 1st *Identifying Positive Communication*



Sunday Morning Series

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Introduction: We are living in an age when the Christian home is under attack. We are bombarded from every side and it is taking its toll on faithful Christians. We need to put the family first! In this specific lesson we will focus on identifying positive communication. Research shows that one major cause for divorce is lack of communication. When communication breaks down everything else falls apart. Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Positive Communication Begins With Your Approach

- A. Be swift to love (Ephesians 4:17-32, Ephesians 5:22-33, Proverbs 10:12).
- B. Be swift to listen (James 1:19, Matthew 13:9, Proverbs 18:13).
- C. Be swift to learn (Proverbs 18:2, Proverbs 18:15, Proverbs 1:5).

II. Positive Communication Advances With Your Assistance

- A. Pray carefully (James 1:5, Ephesians 4:26, Matthew 7:7).
- B. Ask questions cautiously (James 1:19, Proverbs 15:28, Proverbs 18:13).
- C. Avoid criticism (II Timothy 2:24-25, Romans 12:17-18, Proverbs 16:23).

III. Positive Communication Ends With Your Action

- A. Watch your heart (Proverbs 4:23, Proverbs 16:21, Psalm 73:26).
- B. Watch your tongue (Proverbs 17:27, Proverbs 25:15, Proverbs 15:23, Proverbs 25:11).
- C. Watch your step (Matthew 5:23-24, Matthew 18:15-17, Galatians 6:1-2, Proverbs 27:14).

Conclusion: Please seek positive communication in your home. Nothing good will be accomplished if we tear one another down. Negative communication will not help us build better relationships. If you are not living as a faithful and godly family... PLEASE repent and set your house in order. Do you need prayers for any other thing going on in your life? The family of God is here to pray for you!