

Christ-like Communication

John 9:1-12

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1. _____ by the “Communication Reminders”

(See the Communication Reminders sheet on reverse side)

- a) A communicator understands _____
- b) A good communicator understands _____

2. Be careful what you _____

(John 9:1-12)

- a) Jesus saw a _____ with needs (vs. 1)
- b) The disciples saw a _____ and theology problem (vs. 2)
- c) The neighbors didn't pay _____ (vs. 8-9)

3. Use the four _____ for Christ-like communication

- a) _____ attention (vs. 1)
- b) Ask _____ questions (vs. 2)
- c) Know that loving means seeing people as _____ sees them (vs. 3)
- d) Communicate love through _____ (vs. 6)

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Communication Reminders

1. What three things are required to have genuine communication?
 - A. Transmitting information
 - B. Receiving information
 - C. Understanding information
 - Listening must be more important than talking
2. What are the three components of our communication?
 - A. Content 7%
 - B. Tone 38%
 - C. Non Verbals 55%
3. What are the two extremes for responding to life's situations?
 - A. Emotional (outward expression of feelings)
 - B. Cognitive (internal processing of factual data)
4. What does the Bible have to say about how we communicate with each other?

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| A. Proverbs 16:23 | We must teach our mouth |
| B. James 1:19 | Be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger |
| C. Proverbs 10:19 | Many words can cause hurt |
| D. Proverbs 15:1 | A gentle answer turns away wrath |
| E. Ephesians 4:15 | Speak the truth in love |
| F. Ephesians 4:25-32 | Don't give the devil a place |

INSIGHT FOR LIFE

*I choose to make a life-long commitment to _____
Biblical, Christ-like communication.*

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- b) A good communicator understands himself

2. Be careful what you see

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3. Use the four keys for Christ-like communication

- a) Pay attention (vs. 1)
- b) Ask caring questions (vs. 2)
- c) Know that loving means seeing people as God sees them (vs. 3)
- d) Communicate love through touch (vs. 6)

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