

SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON 5: COMMUNICATION

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.
- **Proverbs 18:21**

There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.
- **Proverbs 12:18**

OUR COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS ARE REALLY _____ PROBLEMS.

*The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, **for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.***
- Luke 6:45

- Words have the power of life when rooted in hearts that love God and love others.
- Words have the power of death when rooted in hearts that love self (i.e., selfish desires, self-protection, etc.).

In order for our communication to be an expression of love, we must learn to speak...

_____ words

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. - **Ephesians 4:25**

_____ words

Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. - **Ephesians 4:26-27**

_____ words

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. - **Ephesians 4:29**

_____ words

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. - **Ephesians 4:31-32**

_____ words

Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. - **Ephesians 5:4**

_____ words

...addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart... - **Ephesians 5:19**

**Life-giving words don't come from your mouth;
they come from your _____.**