

Communication within the family and with God

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Living in a world of technology we are able to communicate to almost anywhere in the world within seconds. We are even able to communicate from one planet to another. However:- Do we have good communication within our families – just across the room? We see around us how families are disintegrating, which in many cases, can be attributed to the lack of internal communication.

1Cor. 14v9 So with yourselves; if you in a tongue utter speech that is not intelligible, how will any one know what is said?

This could be linked to teenagers who would speak almost another language! Hence the Generation Gap!
The learning of communication starts much earlier - while still at infancy!

Should never 'cut' a child down when they are trying to express some problem or experience that they have had. If you do then later when they are in their teens, they will not come forward and discuss serious problems that may be with them - they will go elsewhere – to perhaps people they should not (normally their peers who have an equally distorted opinion based upon their own frame of reference)!

Review your conversation that you have had with your children during the day. Has there been cut downs or praises? You must learn to know you children - cultivate that line of communication. The child must felt to be needed and wanted; helped and praised.

The adult must remember if they push their children away when they 'are fed up with them' then the children as adults will push their parents away from themselves 'when they are fed up with them' (perhaps into an old people's home or worse – just abandon them)!

A child can be like a spring. It can either be released slowly under control or we fight it, become exhausted and then it suddenly bursts out. Let independence occur in a controlled/metered way.

Do we look before we leap?

Do we chastise or listen?

Try and understand their position.

Leads to understanding and knowledge.

Gal. 6v4 But let each one prove what his own work is, and then he will have cause for exultation in regard to himself alone and not in comparison with the other person.

Every person should prove their own worth.

Ps. 119v9 How will a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

Their conscience must be educated so that the children can be kept from stumbling while out of our sight. This must start while they are young and they will learn from what we practice rather than what we say. So we as adults must practice what we preach and be consistent. This is what Yahweh our Father does to us as humans, consistent in everything that He states.

Thus we must realise that we cannot be with our children all the time and thus we must rely upon what we have taught them, being how their conscience is to behave so that they are able to righteously stand up in this evil world.

Eph 6v2 Honour your father and mother - as given in the 10 commandments.

Prov. 23v24-25 The father of a righteous one will without fail be joyful; the one becoming father to a wise one will also rejoice in him. Your father and mother will rejoice, and she that gave birth to you will be joyful.

Knowledge increases with age.

All children know as they get older the more knowledge they gain. They should realise then, that those much older should be given much respect. Normally wisdom comes with age and knowledge. Children may find it difficult to look ahead and to accept it.

Prov. 23v22 Listen to your father who caused your birth, and do not despise your mother just because she has grown old!

Communications between the husband and wife.

When the children have left the house, the older parents may become restless, bored, frightened if they should be getting over the hill! They may try physical fitness workouts to escape!

As the years pass, they try to prove themselves that they are still young.

2Cor. 6v11-12 Our mouth has been opened to you, Corinthians, our heart has widened out. You are not cramped for room within us, but you are cramped for room in your own tender affections.

1Thes. 2v19-20 For what is our hope or joy or crown of exultation - why, is it not in fact you? - before our Lord Jesus at is presence? You certainly are our glory and joy.

There is no greater joy than bringing someone to the knowledge of God and they, then worship and accept Him in their life.

Heb. 13v16 Moreover do not forget the doing of good and the sharing of things with others, for with such sacrifice God is well pleased.

More happiness is in giving than receiving. Make use of your newfound time in spreading the word of God.

James 1v27 The form of worship that is clean and undefiled from the stand-point of our God and Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their tribulation, and to keep oneself without spot from the world (*thus do not become contaminated with the normal way of life*).

Help the congregation both in physical and spiritual needs.

Do not fall into the ways that do not bring joy and satisfaction to both God and yourself!

At the end of your life, do not look backwards (towards Satan) thinking about the things that you have done - but look forwards (to God) to the new world (= *The Millennium*) that you will shortly going to!

We know that there is a future eternal life on a Paradise (*called "Park" in The Bible*) earth.

Micah 4v3 And He will certainly render judgement among many peoples, and set matters straight respecting mighty nations far away. And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning shears. They will not lift up sword, nation against nation; neither will they learn war anymore.

Rev. 21v1-5 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth (*being The Millennium period where everything pertaining to the Earth is now controlled by Jesus' new righteous system*), for the former heaven (*being that everything pertaining to this old worldly system controlled by Satan's unrighteous system*) And He will wipe away every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will be mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore! The former things have passed away.Look I am making all things new (*being a new way in how humans regard one another in society and with regard to all life on the planet*).

Direction will come from God. Pain and suffering will be gone. Do not look back to Satan but forward to God!

Lets be part of that family to go forward into that new future!

We must spend time together to communicate. This is so difficult in the modern family now.

We have the father going to work. Also the mother now has to go to work to bring in enough money to pay for all the bills! The children must go to school. Then there is the social life that we partake in. This all grabs our time so there is none for us to spend altogether.

It is because there is no time that the family breaks up!

It is the responsibility of the head of the family to take a lead in setting up this communication.

Why not use meal times to discuss family issues?

We must spend time in family Bible study.

We must have regular meeting attendance.

Preach The Word of God and hence spread the communication to others.

We must regularly communicate with God through prayer.

Do not just leave it to the end of the day.

Why not start the day with it and spend time during the day as well.

Spend time with the children at bed time, pray with them and often they may confide with you in the security of their bedroom.

This communication is also strengthened by searching God's Word being The Bible.

This gives us knowledge, wisdom and strength.

Literally – it is The Doorway to a bright new world – you only need to open that doorway with your children!

Thus it is becoming practiced in this communication both within the family and with God that gives us the necessary skills required to become a very good communicator – certainly required for The New World that we shall “awaken” to in The Millennium!