

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SERMON NOTES
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**"FBC, MOVING FORWARD: Communication"
Ephesians 4:29-32**

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

As a church grows and moves forward, communication become more and more important, because the opportunities for miscommunication increase!

A. There are a variety of factors that make communication difficult:

1. _____
("fallen", cf., Romans 3:23 and, James 1:20).
2. _____
- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
3. _____
- a. _____ ("How are you?" "Fine")
- b. _____ ("I live in Clinton, Iowa.")
- c. _____ ("I like Clinton better than L.A.")
- d. _____ ("I am excited to be here.")
- e. _____ ("I am pretty impatient.")

B. Here are some helpful principles from the Scripture to enhance our communication...

1. _____

(Matthew 6:33)
 2. _____
(Mt. 18:15-17)
 3. _____
(James 1:19)
 4. _____
(Luke 6:31)
 5. _____

(Proverbs 18:2)
 6. _____
(Proverbs 12:18)
- Remember that there are three kinds of destructive talk:
- a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
(2 Tim. 2:23f)
 7. _____
 8. _____
(Proverbs 10:19)
 9. _____

"Let's commit ourselves to think Biblically about how we communicate and then ask God to help us do a better job with one another as we move into the future!"