

# Communication Skills from the Bible

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Ephesians 4:15, 25

<sup>15</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

<sup>25</sup> Therefore, putting away lying, “Let *each one* of you *speak truth with his neighbor*,” for we are members of one another.

Ephesians 4:29

<sup>29</sup> Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

Ephesians 4:26, 27

<sup>26</sup> “*Be angry, and do not sin*”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, <sup>27</sup> nor give place to the devil.

Ephesians 4:32

<sup>32</sup> And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 5:33

<sup>33</sup> Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife *see* that she respects *her* husband.

Psalms 141:3

<sup>3</sup> Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.

Isaiah 8:10, 20

<sup>10</sup> Take counsel together, but it will come to nothing; Speak the word, but it will not stand, For God *is* with us.”

<sup>20</sup> To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, *it is* because *there is* no light in them.

Matthew 19:3, 4

<sup>3</sup> The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for *just* any reason?”

<sup>4</sup> And He answered and said to them, “**Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning ‘*made them male and female*,’**

Isaiah 50:4

<sup>4</sup> “The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to *him who is* weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned.

Ecclesiastes 12:10

<sup>10</sup> The Preacher sought to find acceptable words; and *what was* written *was* upright—words of truth.

Proverbs 12:25

<sup>25</sup> Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad.

Proverbs 15:1

<sup>1</sup> A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 15:2

<sup>2</sup> The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

Proverbs 15:28

<sup>28</sup> The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, But the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.

Proverbs 16:23, 24

<sup>23</sup> The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, And adds learning to his lips.

<sup>24</sup> Pleasant words *are like* a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.

Proverbs 17:14

<sup>14</sup> The beginning of strife *is like* releasing water; Therefore stop contention before a quarrel starts.

Proverbs 18:23

<sup>23</sup> The poor *man* uses entreaties, But the rich answers roughly.

Proverbs 20:5

<sup>5</sup> Counsel in the heart of man *is like* deep water, But a man of understanding will draw it out.

Proverbs 20:15

<sup>15</sup> There is gold and a multitude of rubies, But the lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel.

Proverbs 25:9

<sup>9</sup> Debate your case with your neighbor, And do not disclose the secret to another;

Proverbs 25:11, 12

<sup>11</sup> A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold In settings of silver.

<sup>12</sup> *Like* an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold *Is* a wise rebuker to an obedient ear.

Proverbs 25:15

<sup>15</sup> By long forbearance a ruler is persuaded, And a gentle tongue breaks a bone.

Proverbs 29:11

<sup>11</sup> A fool vents all his feelings, But a wise *man* holds them back.

Proverbs 31:26

<sup>26</sup> She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue *is* the law of kindness.

Galatians 5:13

<sup>13</sup> For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Romans 13:7, 8

<sup>7</sup> Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Proverbs 5:18, 19

<sup>18</sup> Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice with the wife of your youth.

<sup>19</sup> As a loving deer and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; And always be enraptured with her love.

1 Peter 3:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Wives, likewise, *be* submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, <sup>2</sup> when they observe your chaste conduct *accompanied* by fear.

<sup>3</sup> Do not let your adornment be *merely* outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel—<sup>4</sup> rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. <sup>5</sup> For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, <sup>6</sup> as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror. <sup>7</sup> Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

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## **Listening, Hearing, Paying Attention, Being Quiet:**

Genesis 21:17-18 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> And God heard the voice of the lad. Then the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said to her, “What ails you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he *is*. <sup>18</sup> Arise, lift up the lad and hold him with your hand, for I will make him a great nation.”

Exodus 2:23-24 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. <sup>24</sup> So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

Exodus 2:25-27 (NKJV)

<sup>25</sup> And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged *them*.

Psalms 6:3-9 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> My soul also is greatly troubled; But You, O LORD—how long? <sup>4</sup> Return, O LORD, deliver me! Oh, save me for Your mercies' sake! <sup>5</sup> For in death *there is* no remembrance of You; In the grave who will give You thanks?

<sup>6</sup> I am weary with my groaning; All night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears. <sup>7</sup> My eye wastes away because of grief; It grows old because of all my enemies. <sup>8</sup> Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity; For the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping. <sup>9</sup> The LORD has heard my supplication; The LORD will receive my prayer.

Job 21:1-2 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Then Job answered and said: <sup>2</sup> “Listen carefully to my speech, And let this be your consolation.

Job 31:35 (NKJV)

<sup>35</sup> Oh, that I had one to hear me! Here is my mark. *Oh, that* the Almighty would answer me, *That* my Prosecutor had written a book!

Proverbs 1:5 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> A wise *man* will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,

Proverbs 1:8 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother;

Proverbs 1:33 (NKJV)

<sup>33</sup> But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil.”

Proverbs 2:1 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you,

Proverbs 2:2 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> So that you incline your ear to wisdom, *And* apply your heart to understanding;

Proverbs 4:1 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Hear, *my* children, the instruction of a father, And give attention to know understanding;

Proverbs 4:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, And the years of your life will be many.

Proverbs 4:20 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.

Proverbs 5:1-2 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> My son, pay attention to my wisdom; Lend your ear to my understanding, <sup>2</sup> That you may preserve discretion, And your lips may keep knowledge.

Proverbs 8:6-7 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> Listen, for I will speak of excellent things, And from the opening of my lips *will come* right things; <sup>7</sup> For my mouth will speak truth; Wickedness *is* an abomination to my lips.

Proverbs 8:32-33 (NKJV)

<sup>32</sup> “Now therefore, listen to me, *my* children, For blessed *are those who* keep my ways. <sup>33</sup> Hear instruction and be wise, And do not disdain *it*.

Proverbs 10:8 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> The wise in heart will receive commands, But a prating fool will fall.

Proverbs 10:14 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> Wise *people* store up knowledge, But the mouth of the foolish *is* near destruction.

Proverbs 12:15 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel *is* wise.

Proverbs 13:1 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> A wise son *heeds* his father’s instruction, But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

Proverbs 15:31 (NKJV)

<sup>31</sup> The ear that hears the rebukes of life Will abide among the wise.

Proverbs 17:1 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Better *is* a dry morsel with quietness, Than a house full of feasting *with* strife.

Proverbs 17:4 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> An evildoer gives heed to false lips; A liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue.

Proverbs 18:2 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> A fool has no delight in understanding, But in expressing his own heart.

Proverbs 18:13 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> He who answers a matter before he hears *it*, *It is* folly and shame to him.

Proverbs 18:15 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

Proverbs 19:20 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> Listen to counsel and receive instruction, That you may be wise in your latter days.

Proverbs 19:27 (NKJV)

<sup>27</sup> Cease listening to instruction, my son, And you will stray from the words of knowledge.

Proverbs 25:12 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> *Like* an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold *Is* a wise rebuker to an obedient ear.

Proverbs 29:20 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> Do you see a man hasty in his words? *There is* more hope for a fool than for him.

Isaiah 30:15 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel: “In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength.” But you would not,

Isaiah 32:17 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.

Amos 5:13 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> Therefore the prudent keep silent at that time, For it *is* an evil time.

John 11:41-42 (NKJV)

<sup>41</sup> Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up *His* eyes and said, “**Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. <sup>42</sup> And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said *this*, that they may believe that You sent Me.**”

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, <sup>12</sup> that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and *that* you may lack nothing.

1 Timothy 2:2 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

James 1:19 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;

1 Peter 3:4 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.