

### III. APPLY THE POINTERS OF COMMUNICATION

#### A. Communicate with God.

Talk with God and He will help you talk with others.

<sup>3</sup>“*Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips.*” Psalm 141:3

#### B. Communicate with meeting needs.

<sup>4</sup>“*Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also, for the interests of others.*” Philippians 2:4

For example, remember God created males and females with unique communication styles and needs.

<sup>27</sup>“*So, God created man in His own image; in the image of God, He created him; male and female He created them.*” Genesis 1:27

<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.*” Ephesians 5:33

#### C. Communicate with grace.

Communication is very complex and can easily result in misunderstanding.

<sup>6</sup>“*Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.*” Colossians 4:6

#### D. Communicate with encouragement.

Life is hard. Make it a habit to build up people with your tongue.

<sup>13</sup>“*but exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today’ ....*” Hebrews 3:13a

<sup>25</sup>“*Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, but a good word makes it glad.*” Proverbs 12:25

### WIN COMMUNICATION AT HOME

### WINNING AT HOME Winning Communication At Home Pastor Steve Reynolds

#### Introduction:

**A.** Homes are not just built. They are WON. The reality is modern family life is extremely complex, often dysfunctional, and very painful. Is there hope? YES! You can win at home through a strong connection to God.

*“I Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it...” Psalm 127:1*

**B.** We were not created to do life alone. Everyone needs help from time to time. Join us for the Winning At Home Teaching Series and be equipped with six practical skills to strengthen your home.

You will discover how to have healthy relationships in every family situation whether single, married, kids, empty nesters, whatever.

Feb 16	Winning Faith At Home
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**C. TEXT:** Proverbs 18:21

## HOW TO HAVE WINNING COMMUNICATION AT HOME

Winning At Home Skill #2: Developing a communication flow that blesses and builds up.

### I. RECOGNIZE THE PRIORITY OF COMMUNICATION

<sup>10</sup> *“For ‘He who would love life and see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit.’”*  
I Peter 3:10

Negative consequences of poor communication:

#### A. Closeness is hindered.

<sup>24</sup> *“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”*  
Genesis 2:24

#### B. Conflicts are unresolved.

<sup>15</sup> *“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.”*  
Matthew 18:15

#### C. Confusion is allowed.

<sup>33</sup> *“For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.”*

<sup>40</sup> *Let all things be done decently and in order.”*  
I Corinthians 14:33, 40

#### D. Christianity is unclear.

<sup>7</sup> *“You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”*  
Deuteronomy 6:7

## II. UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS OF COMMUNICATION

Good communication is a two-way street involving free, open talking and careful, attentive listening.

### A. Communication includes talking.

Ask yourself these questions:

- Is what I say both truthful and loving?

<sup>15</sup> *“but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—”*  
Ephesians 4:15

- Is it the best way to say it?

<sup>11</sup> *“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.”*  
Proverbs 25:11

- Is it the right time to say it?

<sup>23</sup> *“A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word spoken in due season, how good it is!”*  
Proverbs 15:23

### B. Communication involves listening.

Put on these hearing aids:

- Good listening involves letting the other person speak without interruption.

<sup>13</sup> *“He who answers a matter before he hears it, It is folly and shame to him.”*  
Proverbs 18:13

- Good listening involves giving the other person your undivided attention.

<sup>19</sup> *“So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;”*  
James 1:19

- Good listening involves seeking first to understand what the other person is saying.

<sup>5</sup> *“Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water, But a man of understanding will draw it out.”*  
Proverbs 20:5