

# Principles of Godly Communication

## ✿ Motivated by love {Ephesians 5:22-33}

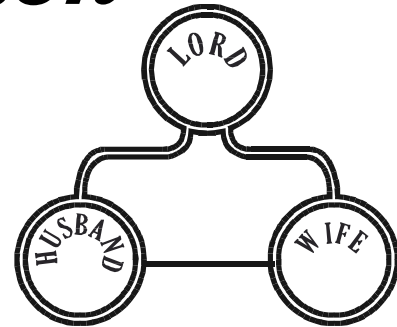
Your goal is to build up each other. This becomes one of your chief life goals no matter what else happens. This is expressed in the framework of our callings as husband or wife.

### • Husband

Constant love provides a secure relationship allowing for the further growth in the wife.

### • Wife

Faithful respect and support for the husband enables God to work more wonderfully through him.



*People communicate not only through their words or the lack of words but also through their actions and facial expressions.*

## ✿ The touch of grace and truth {John 1:14}



Grace is treating people and especially our spouse better than he or she deserves.



Truth demands that we consistently understand and maintain God's standards.

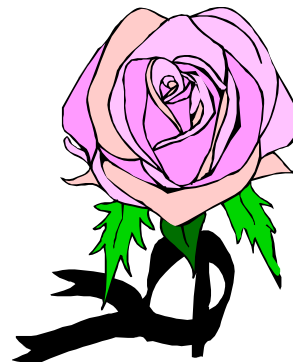
*“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14).*

*“But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ” (Ephesians 4:15).*

## ✿ Guided by biblical principles {Ephesians 5:1-21}

Our communication toward our spouses should not be much different than with another brother or sister in its politeness, godliness, concern and desire to build the other up. The difference is that our opportunity to express this increases in frequent daily exchanges.

- Pick out at least five guidelines for healthy conversations from Ephesians 5:1-21.
- Discuss your standards in light of God's standards.
- What do you do if you have offended the other or been offended?



*Some of your best conversations will occur while you discuss God's Word and pray together.*

An effective daily devotional time along with the meditation of scriptures is essential to a godly and beautiful marriage.