

Homework Assignment III: Communicating within Marriage

Next session: _____

Read Ephesians 4:15, 25-32.

Read Unit 4 in *Strengthening Your Marriage*

1. Identify 3 important points you found in Unit 4 of *Strengthening Your Marriage*.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

2. There are lots of Scriptures that relate to communicating and the appropriate use of our tongues. Read the following Scriptures to answer the question.

Proverbs 12:18;

Proverbs 15:1, 4, 23;

Proverbs 17:27-28;

Proverbs 18:21;

Proverbs 19:20;

Proverbs 29:20;

Matthew 15:17-18;

Colossians 4:6;

James 1:19;

James 1:26.

Identify some biblical principles related to communicating with one another? _____

3. How much power is in the tongue (Proverbs 18:21)? How can it be destructive? How can it be affirming? _____

4A. In regards to communicating, what are your strengths? _____

4B. What are your weaknesses? _____

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5A. In regards to communicating, what are your partner's strengths? _____

5B. What are your partner's weaknesses? _____

6. What role does *listening* play in communication? Are you are good listener? _____

7. What does it mean to speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:15)? _____

8. In regards to communication within your relationship, have you noticed any issues of concern in regards to the following area:

Lack of communication: _____

Lack of listening: _____

Tone of communications: _____

Defensiveness: _____

Anger: _____

Nonverbal communications: _____

9. Read Ephesians 4:29. How could that one verse impact your marriage? _____

10. What are you going to start doing to be a better communicator with your partner?

Begin keeping track of expenses for the month to be used in your budget.