

## **Communications (Continued)**

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### I. Introduction.

- A. The divorce rate is epidemic today.
- B. The answer is to start doing something right now in communication to prevent oncoming divorce.

### II. The husband's responsibility. (Ephesians 5:23)

- A. The husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church.
- B. Christ took the initiative in communicating to the church, and husbands should take the initiative also.

### III. No human relationship is built on silence.

### IV. What makes communication so difficult.

- A. Meaning is in a person and not in words.
- B. We have to get to know a person to know what they mean.

### V. Things to avoid with communication.

- A. Sarcasm.
- B. Public criticism or correction.

### VI. Conflict.

- A. Come to a written agreement about what the problem is.
- B. Brainstorm solutions.
- C. Discuss solutions.
- D. Pick a solution and go into depth on it.

### VII. We need to accept our spouses as human beings with flaws.

**Application questions:**

1. Why is communication difficult?

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2. What does healthy communication look like?

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3. What will you do to improve communication between your spouse?

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