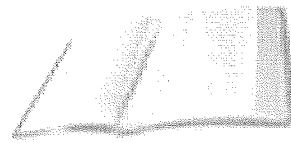


RULES OF ENGAGEMENT IV

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“HONORING our SPOUSE with our SPEECH”



Matthew 12:35-37

³⁵ A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

³⁶ But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. ³⁷ For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

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*“This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church” Ephesians 5:32
A fivefold relationship between the man and his wife.*

Rules of Engagement IV

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In the beginning of all relationships – “ARE WORDS”

HONORING in our *Speech* – “How to Speak to each other?” Eph 4:29

“THINKING, FEELING and SAYING what is right – Matt 12:36, 32-36

The DISCIPLINE of HONORING them as your own self / Peter 3:1-7

Why START with speech? Deut 4:12-18/John 1:1 – Spoken/Living (vs 14) Rom 14:17

Speech is two things: “It is an ACCURATE indicator of our character and attitude.” Matt 12:34

Speech is the most: Practical way of building, maintaining, repairing, restoring – Eph 4:29-30. Words that are thoughtful, gracious, discreet, measured, God honoring, spouse honoring, will serve as the first of three ingredients in the gluing process. Prov 14:1, 3b, 31:26

Accurate and Practical is essential to all healthy and functional relationships. 2 John 1:1-4

- a. If it is not accurate it misleads – which is a lie – that leads to bondage – doubt, suspicion, distrust, frustration, anger, bitterness, etc... Prov 4:23-24/John 8:31 (crooked/deceitful/ complicated)
- b. If it is not practical – it leads to despair – wearisomeness – Matt 23:4/Matt 11:28/Rom 14:17

The bad or destructive SPEECH CHALLENGES

- a. It was learned at home – by one or both of us
- b. Or adopted in the streets – influenced by the culture
- c. More hopeful for the latter
- d. We are sleeping with the adversary
- e. It is a War that leads to isolation

We bring two things to the table when married

- a. Assets – contributing resources
- b. Deficits – Diminishing habits and practices – take away from the quality and honor – of marriage
- c. Management (it) – control, restore, maintain

Bible based/Cross Centered/Spirit aided – (Tools of the 3rd person) “TIP” Draw on that policy as long as you can before you – take your business to the streets – with the exception of (abuse)

GRIEVOUS WORDS?

Proverbs 15:1-4

¹ A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. ² The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness. ³ The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. ⁴ A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.

SOFT: TENDER – DELICATE – “WEAKNESS”

- a. “Eyes of Leah” – Gen 29:17 – she was more fruitful than _____ ?
- b. A prepared meal – Gen 18:7 a gospel type – 2 Cor 13:4/1 Cor 1:27
- c. Life given through _____ / _____ Submission – Sacrifice

GRIEVOUS: LABOR – SORROW – TOIL – PAIN

- a. Slander – Ps 50:15-23
- b. Wealth/labor – Prov 5:10-10:22
- c. An idol – Jer 22:23-29

“STIR UP” – Alah: – Go up – Ascend – Climb – Exalt

- a. Being exceedingly grieved – Agitate – Forced to move – Act – Respond – Labored
- b. Morally neutral issue – Esther 4:4b/Rom 8:6-7
- c. One can be grieved and be dead wrong – Mark 10:22

“STRIFE – “AF” – ANGER – WRATH – WIDE – NOSTRILS

Gen 27:45/Esau – Jacob at Rachel – Gen 30:1-3/Ex 15:8 – God/Pharaoh – ANGER...

Eph 4:29-32

Corrupt Communication:

- a. Rotten – Useless – Worthless – Matt 12:33/Luke 6:42-44
- b. (Passive – middle) allowed – Eph 6:11

2. Edifying Speech: 1 Cor 14:12/Jer 15:16

- a. Fruit – Grace – a Gift – a Blessings a Resources

3. Offending GOD in our language – (Do not continue to grieve HIM)

- a. *Dysfunctional* communication – James 4:1, 7, 11
- b. *Unloving* communication
- c. Labors – Grieves – Burdens the Spirit of GOD

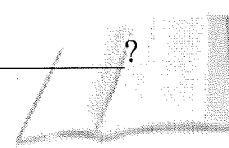
4. The SEWER from which it STREAMS – vs 31/Prov 4:23-24

- a. Bitterness b. Wrath c. Anger

YOU are The JUDGE – Mentally

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SOLUTION to Challenging SPEECH

1. **Mega Doses of bible reading:** Ps 119:9
 - a. The individual's devotion to a pure source of communication – Ps 19:7-10
 - b. The couples reading together will lead to simultaneous discipleship – Matt 10:25
 - c. They have the benefit of simply reminding each other what they heard together – Rom 16:3-4
 - d. They Model Christ's love to His Bride in her sanctification through the Word process – Eph 5: 25
 - e. An impactful revelation of Christ will wash your mouth out – Is 6:5-7
 - f. The Wife should be the one requesting this engagement process: 

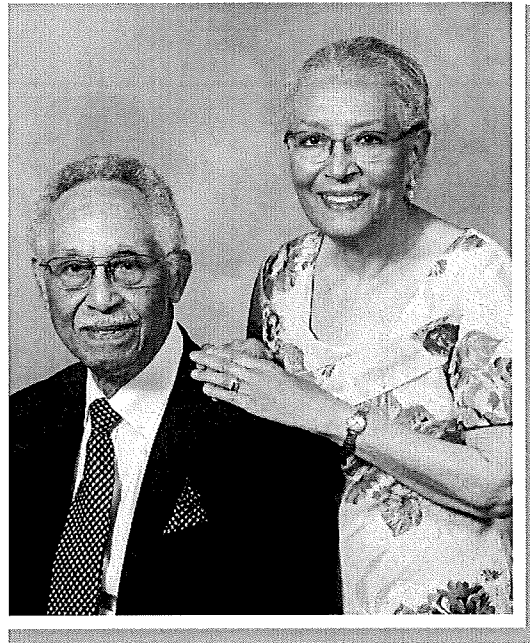
2. **The ART of Right WORDS is a sign of maturity:** James 3:1-2
 - a. Learning how to speak to each other's edification and adornment: Prov 25:11
 - b. The Man is the Frame the Wife is the Content or his glory by it – 1 Cor 11:7
 - c. He is the ring/setting – She is the Diamond – Jewel – or ornate picture
 - d. This testimony is for God's glory and is the mutual work of both – Rev 22:17
Isa 50:4 - (Gift – Practiced) (Happy Co – laborers) Rev 21:9-11

3. **Being comfortable in each other's presence NOT TALKNG:**
 - a. The evidence of mutual self-contentment – (Position 2) – Eccl 5:2
 - b. The product of good meditation – Ps 19:14
 - c. The Presence of the Spirit as 3rd party conversation – Gen 24:64
 - We want to be thoughtful with our words – (Reflective of biblical approval) – 1 Peter 4:8-11
 - We want to be careful with our words – (Of the proper of application) – season – Isa 50:4
 - We want to prayerful with our words – (Motive and intent/submission/to GOD) – Phil 2:3

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On February 17, 2018, Kay and I have been married 66 years. When asked what is the secret of our success, in short, we love each other. We practice the principle of Ephesians 5:31 of leaving, cleaving and weaving to become one. We know that honor and respect are the building blocks of marriage and love is the cement that hold it together.

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