

# The DNA of Great Families

## GREAT COMMUNICATION

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### 4 Actions of Biblical Communication

1. \_\_\_\_\_: My actions communicate \_\_\_\_\_ to my family.

1 Corinthians 13:13--*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

1 Corinthians 16:13-14--*Be on your guard: stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love.*

#### 2 KEY QUESTIONS EACH FAMILY MEMBER MUST ASK THEMSELVES

1. Do my actions communicate \_\_\_\_\_ to my family?
2. What \_\_\_\_\_ communicates love to my family members?

2. \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ is evident in my communication with my family.

Ephesians 4:29-32--*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

Galatians 5:22-23--*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

James 3:5-6--*Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.*

#### CARELESS COMMUNICATION

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Sarcastic
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Reactive
5. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_: I listen and care about the \_\_\_\_\_ and feelings of my family.

James 1:19-21--*My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.*

>> **Key Principle:** When we are \_\_\_\_\_, we are \_\_\_\_\_.

#### WHAT ARE WE COMMUNICATING WHEN WE LISTEN?

1. You are \_\_\_\_\_ to me.
2. Your \_\_\_\_\_, thoughts, and \_\_\_\_\_ matter.

4. \_\_\_\_\_: I speak purposed words of \_\_\_\_\_ to my family.

Proverbs 15:4--*The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.*

1 Thessalonians 5:11--*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

### Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. Is your love for your family evident in your actions?
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. Which of the 4 actions do you most need to work on?
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.