

A GOOD MARRIAGE : THE BASE FOR EVERY FAMILY

There is no **good** marriage without communication, without communication it is **impossible** to know one another very well. Without knowing one another very well, you can not **love** one another.

GUIDE-LINES FOR A GOOD COMMUNICATION IN MARRIAGE

1. Be honest and sincere, don't tell white lies. Don't exaggerate, for that is also beyond the truth. *Exodus 20:16. Ephesians 4:25. Colossians 3:9*
2. Don't blurt out everything just like that, don't be too quick with your words. *Psalms 141:3. Proverbs 15:28, 21:33, 29:20*
3. Prevent quarrelling, if it however happens, be quick in making it all right. *Proverbs 17:4, 20:3, 29:11. Ephesians 4:26,31.*
4. When you have a disagreement, express yourself in a pleasant way. *Proverbs 12:18, 15:1, 25:15, 31:26.*
5. Listening is very important, listen carefully and don't answer before the other has finished. *Proverbs 18:13. James 1:19.*
6. When you have been wrong, don't hesitate to give in and beg pardon. *James 5:16.*
7. Develop a forgiving attitude. If your partner has been wrong against you, forgive him/her. *Ephesians 4:32. Colossians 3:13. 1 Peter 4:8.*
8. Don't rake up old stories. *Proverbs 17:9.*
9. Don't make ridiculous or disparaging remarks to one another, but uphold each other honour. *Proverbs 11:12. Romans 14:13. Philippians 2:3.*
10. Be someone who is encouraging, cheering up and recruiting. *Job 4:4. Isaiah 50:4.*

These guide-lines on Scriptural base are not only suitable for couples, but also extremely suitable for Christians among each other and their outward appearance. Moreover are they well applicable in any other relationship between men. [family, neighbours, friends, acquaintances, colleagues.]

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