

## **RIGHTEOUS COMMUNICATIONS**

In our last study we covered the skills of good communication from James 1:19-21.

**We will now study four aspects of the skills of good communication,  
of which the goal is RIGHTEOUS COMMUNICATION**

### **1. In our lesson text, James's goal was Righteous Communication**

(Jas.1:20) "For the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

According to James, mental attitude sins (ex. - anger), hinders Righteous Communication. Very often the mental attitude sin of anger becomes harsh and produces hurtful words. Then the main issue becomes lost in verbal and overt sins.

(Prov.17:14) "The **beginning of strife** is like letting out water, so abandon the quarrel before it breaks out." (Prov.18:6-7; 20:3) (Jas. 4:1-3)

(Prov.12:18) "There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." (Prov.15:1-2)

### **2. Righteous communication builds-up and does not tear down the other person.**

(Eph.4:29) "Let no unwholesome words proceed from your mouth, but **only such a word as is good for edification** according to the need of the moment, **so that it will give grace** to those who hear."

(Rom.14:19) "So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another."

### **3. Building up others is achieved by the love of God produced supernaturally by walking by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit. (1 Cor.6:19-20; Gal.5:16-17)**

Loving others without limits (**unconditional love of God**) means **learning to live** with other's imperfections (1 Cor.13:4-8a, 13). It is done by filling ministry of indwelling Spirit NOT by biting one's lips.

(1 John 4:19) "We love, because He first loved us." (1 John 4:9-11) (Rom.5:5, 8)

(Gal.5:22-23) "But the **fruit of the Spirit is LOVE**, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

### **4. When a spiritually advancing believer commits personal sin (Mental Attitude Sin, Sins of the Tongue, or Overt Sin), he reaches into his mental tool box of Categorical Bible Doctrine to find what does the Bible say about it.**

- **In that mental tool box of Categorical Bible Doctrine,**
  - we find out that we have chosen to commit personal sin (Jas.1:14-15).
- **In that mental tool box of Categorical Bible Doctrine,**
  - we find that personal sin is the result of our walking in slavery to our Old Sin Nature (our flesh) and in carnality. (Gal.5:16-17; 1 Cor.3:1-3).

- **In that mental tool box of Categorical Bible Doctrine,**
  - we find that carnality brings divine discipline because God loves and corrects His children (Heb.12:4-11) [light, severe, scourge] “He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.” (Heb.12:10b)
- **In that mental tool box of Categorical Bible Doctrine,**
  - we find that **confession** of sin removes that divine discipline and restores our spiritual walk - by means of The Holy Spirit (1 John 1:9, 7; Gal.5:16).
- **In that mental tool box of Categorical Bible Doctrine,**
  - we find that whenever we are tempted to sin, we must **choose** to gratify the lust of the Spirit by walking in Spirit (Gal.5:17).

This is the struggle a spiritually advancing believer goes through regarding the temptation to sin.

- **Command:** “But I say, **walk** (peripateo/ p.a. impv.2pl) by Spirit,
- **Promise:** and you **will not carry out** the desire of the flesh.” (Gal.5:16)

The first line of spiritual defense against the temptation to personally sin is spirituality, “walking by means of the Holy Spirit.

(Gal.5:25) “If (1cc/ true) we live (zao/ p.a.ind. 1pl) by the Spirit, let us also walk (stoicheo/ p.a.subj.1pl) by the Spirit.” (Rom.13:14)

- Spirituality is like a skeleton key to the door of Righteous Communication.