

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Communication Art

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How do we communicate with one another?

In an always changing world there have become more and more modes of communication. Some may prefer spoken word in person or through the phone. Some may prefer to use text messages loaded with memes, emojis, videos, and gifs. Some communicate to the masses on social media platforms. While others prefer to communicate through handwritten letters. However, we also communicate through music, art, literature, and our physical actions.

Communication is the foundation on which relationships thrive or perish. What is the best way to communicate? This is a difficult question as the best mode of communication may come down to an understanding of the one you are trying to communicate with. However, there are some communication strategies we can employ to help us along the way.

Strategies for being a good sender of communication:

- Choosing the best form of communication to convey your message
- Know your audience and how they may best receive your message
- Being clear with intentions

Strategies for being a good receiver of communication:

- Reduce distractions- putting down the phone, turning off the tv, moving to a more private quieter setting if needed
- Active listening- taking part in conversations so it does not become one sided and make sure the sender understands they are being heard
- Understand the intentions of the sender- Do they just want you to listen? Do they want advice? Do they want you to problem solve?

Communicating about your preferred style of communication is an important conversation to have with those you love that can help your relationships to prosper. I have a few examples from my own life. My grandfather loved nothing more than a handwritten letter through the mail. He was never much for talking on the phone, but of course also loved verbal communication during in person visits. This is also how he showed his love to those around him and how he felt most touched when he received correspondence back. My daughter enjoys 1:1 talks with my husband and I. In these conversations she will often talk about worries or struggles related to school, sports, or her friends. I noticed she would get upset when I would try to problem solve and since that time I will ask do you just want to get this out in the world or do you want my feedback and advice. Many times she just wants for me to listen and to feel heard. Take times, listen in, and ask questions to find out how to best communicate with others in your life.

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