

# Communication

Many of us as believers do not know how to relate to one another. While all of us know that the general idea is to be polite and respectful, in certain situations, it gets either confusing as to how to approach the person or we simply forget who we're supposed to be. In this article, the specifics of communication will be elaborated on using mostly the scripture as a guide.

1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a **royal priesthood**, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Malachi 2:6-7 (Yahuah speaking) The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. For the **priests** lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the ADON of hosts.

Isaiah 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

We are royals and we are priests. We are all supposed to bear the holy spirit within our bodies. Knowing this, our speech must be seasoned with salt, our conversations must be of substance, which can only be recognized as sound doctrine.

We should only speak truth and not be contrary. If something is good, say it is good and if it is bad say it is bad and do not say otherwise, not even in jest. Matthew 5:37 "But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." The scripture speaks against idle jesting, profanity and taking oaths. Let us say what we need to say according to holiness, nothing more and nothing less.

1 Peter 2:12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify Elohim in the day of visitation.

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**James 1:19** Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.

There is wisdom in being slow to speak and it is one of the definite proofs of being a true believer. When we are honest and also slow to speak, we can avoid a lot of misunderstandings. Many times we are offended or offend people by our rush responses, because we either didn't let the person finish or we didn't give ourselves time to fully understand what was being said. Many times because of our hasty responses, we end up looking like fools and lose even evangelical opportunities. Death and life are in the power of the tongue, the difference between a conversation going well or wrong is the level of observance, as well as listening with understanding before we respond, if there is a need of a response at all.

**Proverbs 18:13** He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.

It's imperative that we listen keenly, it not only makes us seem more intelligent, it is also a show of respect towards the person you are trying to communicate with. Keeping our speech in check keeps us out of trouble with the almighty as well, if we aren't patient enough to listen to others, we won't listen to him either:

**Ecclesiastes 5:2,6** Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before Elohim: for Elohim is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.  
Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should Elohim be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?

**Proverbs 29:20** Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

**Proverbs 29:11** A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.

There we have it, haste makes waste; not only that, but the scripture talks about the quantity of words. Wise people use less words, because the less words you use, the less chances there are to be misinterpreted and misquoted. Our main goal in communication especially pertaining to believers is to get them to understand and in the least possible time. It is not about impressing people by our knowledge, because it doesn't matter

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how many words we use, if they do not understand us, it is all for naught. The bible says that spiritual people only minds spiritual things, so being praised should not be on our minds. The bible says we must redeem the time because the days are evil (Ephesians 5:16) and his coming is near.

**James 5:12** But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.

**Proverbs 17:27-28** He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.

**Galatians 5:25-26** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

As believers who are apart of the royal priesthood, we should conduct ourselves as royalty and not as common babblers. Some people will understand what you say and but some won't, talking more will not necessarily solve the problem. There are a myriad of reasons why persons won't understand:

- Choice of words (the use of simple words would be best)
- They may not want to understand (close-minded, arrogant)
- You both are at different levels, spiritually (milk and meat)
- Spiritual things are foolish to natural people (unconverted and/or absence of the spirit)

Any of these can be the issue, as well as others, so again it is best to ask questions and listen to get an understanding of the person you're speaking with to know what words to use and if you need to continue the conversation at all.

Humility must be apart of communication for both parties for it to be fruitful and this is why a certain class will always be accepted over another:

**Proverbs 18:23** The poor useth intreaties; but the rich answereth roughly.

**Matthew 5:3** Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Galatians 5:22-23** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

This again speaks to humility. Whether you are evangelizing or just having a conversation, try to be civilized and calm. I know our zeal may sometimes consume us, depending on the situation, but do not offend people in arrogant anger. As according to this verse: **Isaiah 1:18**, "Come now, and let us *reason* together, saith the ADON: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." If we cannot reason with one another, we are unconverted and lacking in understanding. Yahusha does not dwell with the proud, nor scornful, so this know-it-all attitude does not work when spreading the gospel, nor does brute force. We cannot force people to come to Elohyim, our main purpose is to try to make them understand who Elohyim is and his plan for us and let them decide if they want to join us.

The verse above talks about using entreaties, this is most important when getting people to come to Elohyim. We must show that we care. Some people have been offended by the church in some way and may respond to us unkindly when we first approach them with the gospel, we must not be put off by their attitude, but first try to find an opening, in which we can get an understanding of the individual. Be patient and kind. Then after a few attempts, once we get the chance, we must proceed to restore Yahusha's image in the person's eyes. Everyone has their own struggles, sometimes they just need someone to listen and sometimes they're not good at expressing themselves. We must be the ones to break the barriers without being pushy through the Ruach Ha'Qodesh. While this is the case, it must be noted that not all are like this and we must depend upon the Ruach Ha'Qodesh to tell us who is who, so we will know when to walk away and when to try harder.

If a person is offended by what we said or how we said it, if the situation can be salvaged, let them understand that this was not in our intention and try to rephrase our statement. The bible says we must love our neighbours as ourselves, so we cannot approach people with a non-committal attitude. Once we calmly elaborate on what we're trying to tell them, if they still disagree even if they have no other talking points or need time to think about it, then your work is finished. So whether they misunderstand or disagree, we must get to the bottom of those why's and iron out the knots before we leave the conversation. **1 Samuel 12:7**, "Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the ADON of all the righteous acts of the YAH, which he did to you and to your fathers." Follow Samuel's example.

**Ephesians 4:26** Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath.

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Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

With conflicts, even if we are hurt, let our communication be matter-of-factly and not emotional. We should not do to others what we do not want for ourselves, so not because we are angry, we must change who we are and become disrespectful. State what the issue is and try to reason with the person to get them to understand what is wrong with the situation and find a solution. Believers should always be open to resolution of conflicts. Unbelievers may not be open to it and knowing this, we must still retain our integrity and dignity, and not engage anyone in an argument, but walk away. **Romans 12:14, 18-19, 21**, "Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith YAHUAH.

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

There are people who say they love Elohyim, but are not willing to change, so they get offended easily when you mention their sin. This is not your fault, just make sure to tell them in an understanding way as if you were counseling them. We can't stop some people from getting angry, but what we can control is ourselves and our actions. We must be blameless in all situations and never fail to stand for the truth, no matter how uncomfortable the situation is. If the person will not give you a chance to speak or get insulting, you are given the right according to the scripture to quietly leave the conversation. **Proverbs 14:7** says, "Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge." The truth is some people are mockers and are set there to waste your time or mislead others. Some are heretics who are too submerged in their strong delusions to open their minds to the fact that there might be more to learn. Do not be unkind to them even if they are unkind to you, just stop talking and leave if you can, it takes two to have an argument and every one has the right to choose. Elohyim already knew that some will be like this according to **Ezekiel 2:6-7**, "And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns be with thee,

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and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious." It is our duty.

2 Timothy 2:23-26, But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. And the servant of Yahusha must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if Elohyim peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.