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To Care for People Where They Live and Work

COMMUNITY Care TOPIC

Speak to Me

The Importance of Verbal Communication

The importance of communication cannot be over emphasized. If Managers cannot delegate duties, if generals cannot order their troops, and if families cannot share feelings, then a serious break down occurs.

Right Words

- The motivation and source of our words originate from our hearts.
- The importance to communicate with honesty and character is a necessity.
- The danger of lies, deception, and inconsistent double-talk needs to be guarded against.
- Words have weight. Do not use empty, flattering talk to just say something that you think the other party just wants to hear. Sincerity is the guide.
- Do not make excuses for not communicating. Remember, people cannot read minds and you have a tongue for a reason. Use it!

Encouragement- Give it to Get it!

There is some wisdom found in the book of Proverbs- "The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself" (*Proverbs 11:25*). This shares with us a principle that when we need water (encouragement) we need to give water (encouragement) to get water (encouragement). Like any principle, it may take a little time to notice the flow of encouragement and edification into your life, but when the pump is primed and a steady flowing out is present, you can be assured that a healthy flow into your life of encouragement will be take place.

I encourage you today to tell someone around you how well of a job they are doing, that you appreciate them, that the waitress did a good job bringing your meal, that you spouse did a great job with the children or laundry, that your child did a good job cleaning their room. Maybe you feel underappreciated? I challenge you to put this principle in faithful practice for a week and see the results!

Introducing your Community Chaplain

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"The inclination to exchange thoughts with one another is probably an original impulse of our nature. But to carry on such communication, some *instrumentality* is indispensable. Accordingly, speech -- articulate sounds rattled off from the tongue -- was used by our first parents, and even by Adam, before the creation of Eve. He gave names to the animals while she was still a bone in his side; and he broke out quite volubly when she first stood before him, the best present of his maker. From this it would appear that speech was not an invention of man, but rather the direct gift of his Creator. But whether Divine gift, or invention, it is still plain that if a mode of communication had been left to invention, *speech* must have been the first, from the superior adaptation to the end, of the organs of speech, over every other means within the whole range of nature. Of the organs of speech, the tongue is the principal; and if we shall test it, we shall find the capacities of the tongue, in the utterance of articulate sounds, absolutely wonderful."

Abraham Lincoln

"But speaking the truth in love..."

Ephesians 4:15

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