

Talking Points

Part One of Talking Points was in our May letter. You can see it online at our website, www.livingwellokc.org.

Communication is essential in all relationships, but especially in marriage. These verses are guides God gives us.

5. Seek to understand the message of the other, more than to be understood.

A fool does not delight in understanding, but only in revealing his own mind.

Proverbs 18:2

6. Speak with respect to all others - including husbands and wives, parents and children to each other.

Show proper respect to everyone. 1 Peter 2:17a
Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect. 1 Peter 3:7a

The wife must respect her husband. Ephesians 5:33a

7. Speak truthfully and in a loving manner.

Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ. Ephesians 4:15

8. Speak without complaining and criticizing.

Do everything without complaining or arguing.

Philippians 2:14

9. Express appreciation, thanks, and gratitude for what others do and for who they are.

Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. Ephesians 5:4

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

10. Encourage (to inspire with hope, courage, or confidence) those around you.

But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

Hebrews 3:13