

Talking Points

This is the fourth part in a series on communication. The others can be viewed on our website, www.livingwelloc.org.

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

11. Put the needs of others before your needs. Approach a conversation in humility.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Philippians 2:3

12. Wise people listen to the advice of others.

Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance-

Proverbs 1:5

The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.

Proverbs 12:15

Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise.

Proverbs 19:20

He who listens to a life-giving rebuke will be at home among the wise.

Proverbs 15: 31

13. Making demands drives people away. Love and respect draw them closer.

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 15:1

14. Blame is a result of the fall and not consistent with our life in Christ.

[Adam's response to God after the fall] *The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."*

Genesis 3:12

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12:18

15. Be agreeable, rather than argumentative and quarrelsome, in your speech.

As charcoal to embers and as wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife.

Proverbs 26:21

A quarrelsome wife is like a constant dripping on a rainy day.

Proverbs 27:15