

# BACK TO SCHOOL: LIFE LESSONS

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## Communication

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2  
Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

### To Become A Great Listener, I:

- I) \_\_\_\_\_ at them with love.
- A) If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 1 Corinthians 13:1
  - B) As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"... Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him... Mark 10:17& 21a
  - C) Ears to hear and eyes to see— both are gifts from the LORD. Proverbs 20:12
  - D) A wise man holds his tongue. Only a fool blurts out everything he knows; that only leads to sorrow and trouble. Proverbs 10:14 (TLB)
  - E) Those who control their tongue will have a long life; opening your mouth can ruin everything. Proverbs 13:3
  - F) The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences. Proverbs 18:21
  - G) Don't talk so much. You keep putting your foot in your mouth. Be sensible and turn off the flow! Proverbs 10:19 (TLB)
  - H) A gossip goes around telling secrets, so don't hang around with chatterers. Proverbs 20:19
- II) \_\_\_\_\_ as much time as needed.
- <sup>11</sup> When three of Job's friends heard of the tragedy he had suffered, they got together and traveled from their homes to comfort and console him. Their names were Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. <sup>12</sup> When they saw Job from a distance, they scarcely recognized him. Wailing loudly, they tore their robes and threw dust into the air over their heads to show their grief. <sup>13</sup> Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and nights. No one said a word to Job, for they saw that his suffering was too great for words. Job 2:11-13
- III) \_\_\_\_\_ their feelings, not your solution.

- A) Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish. Proverbs 18:13
- B) When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him, and he was deeply troubled. "Where have you put him?" he asked them. They told him, "Lord, come and see." Then Jesus wept. The people who were standing nearby said, "See how much he loved him!" John 11:32-36

IV) \_\_\_\_\_ in to any fear or hurt beneath the words.

- A) Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude. 1 Peter 3:8
- B) For we must bear the "burden" of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others—of those who feel these things are wrong. Let's please the other fellow, not ourselves, and do what is for his good and thus build him up in the Lord. Romans 15:2 (TLB)

V) \_\_\_\_\_ them with open-ended questions.

The purposes of a man's heart are deep waters, but a man of understanding draws them out. Proverbs 20:5

VI) \_\_\_\_\_ judge until you have all the facts.

Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish. The human spirit can endure a sick body, but who can bear a crushed spirit? Intelligent people are always ready to learn. Their ears are open for knowledge. Proverbs 18:13-15

#### **To SPEAK so others will listen I:**

I) \_\_\_\_\_ it for the best time and place.

- A) There is a time to be silent and a time to speak. Ecclesiastes 3:7a (NCV)
- B) For there is a time and a way for everything, even when a person is in trouble. Ecclesiastes 8:6

II) \_\_\_\_\_ and plan.

- A) I don't speak on my own authority. The Father who sent me has commanded me what to say and how to say it. John 12:49
- B) Intelligent people think before they speak; what they say is then more persuasive. Proverbs 16:23 GN
- C) Everything you say should be kind and well thought out so that you know how to answer everyone. Colossians 4:6 GW

III) \_\_\_\_\_ with their needs first.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

IV) \_\_\_\_\_ the positive alternative.

A) The tongue of the wise makes knowledge appealing, but the mouth of a fool belches out foolishness. Proverbs 15:2

B) How do I make it appealing?

1) Share the \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Say it \_\_\_\_\_.

The wise are known for their understanding, and pleasant words are persuasive.

Proverbs 16:21

3) Offer \_\_\_\_\_.

This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary. Hebrews 6:19

V) \_\_\_\_\_ calm and don't argue.

A) A truly wise person uses few words; a person with understanding is even-tempered. Proverbs 17:27

B) My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, James 1:19 (NIV)