

How to do more than grunt or groan

“86% of divorces are fueled by deficient communication.”

One: Communication starts with a c_____ : 1 Thess. 5:11; Prov. 15:4, 23

Barriers to Effective Communication:

- * I_____ message
- * Different use of w_____
- * M_____ m_____
- * O_____ ~ g_____
- * D_____

Blasting through Communication Blockage:

- Stop, look and listen
- Stop long enough to soak in their feelings: Rom. 12:15
- Look beneath the surface: 1 Peter 3: 7
- Listen to the heart: Prov. 18:13

Two: Discern whether you are talking to an e_____ or an e_____ : *Prov. 25: 11*

Three: Do not try to d_____ your emotions or a_____ another's feelings: *Rom. 14: 13; Prov. 12:16*

“A pat on the back is only a few vertebrae from a kick in the pants; but it is miles ahead in terms of results.”
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APPLICATION:

1. Describe how your listening skills and your spouses/friends ,listening habits can be improved:

2. Place your initials and your spouses/friends initials by the following words that apply:

- Condenser
- Visual
- Amplifier
- Auditory
- Feelings-focused

3. What can you change immediately to become a better listener:
