

A stylized logo on a red background. On the left is a large, yellow, decorative number '3'. To its right is a white keyhole shape with intricate scrollwork on either side. Further right is a yellow silhouette of a house. A yellow horizontal bar is positioned above the keyhole, containing the word 'COMMUNICATION' in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

COMMUNICATION

**GROWING IN FAVOR
WITH GOD AND MAN**

Communication

101:

*Growing in Favor
with God and Man!*

Introduction (1)

- ▣ This topic **can** change your life!
- ▣ The **path** to perfection starts with communication.
- ▣ You **will** grow in favor with God and man if you can grasp this idea!
- ▣ The ability to **effectively** communicate is one of the most sought after traits for men and women.
- ▣ We can be eloquent orators!

Introduction (2)

- ▣ You will enhance your chances of **success** in regards to employment, the opposite sex, friends, relatives, etc.
- ▣ Everything we do, say, think and feel is communicating **something** to someone.
- ▣ This topic can take us in so many directions: temperaments, love languages, personalities, body language, **etc.**

Disclaimers

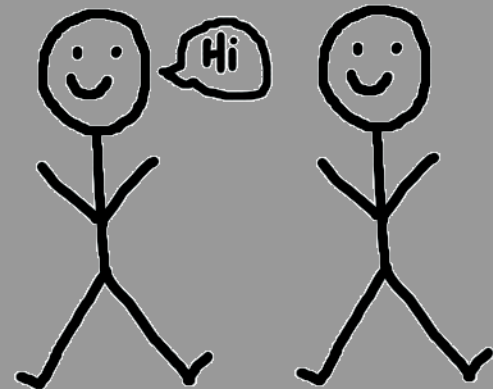
- ▣ This will **not** be an exhaustive study!
- ▣ Tonight's presentation is **just** to get you thinking.
- ▣ There is a 14 year age gap in the youth group; Tonight is almost a **90** year age gap.
- ▣ Some of the things said will be light but not disrespectful.

Objective

- ▣ Build a **better** relationship with God!
- ▣ Build **better** relationships with others!
- ▣ **Be Intentional!**
- ▣ To help you leave with one thing you can **change** in your communication.
- ▣ Or two **if** you can handle it.
- ▣ Only three if it does not **lower** your chance of leaving with two!

Definition

- ▣ The imparting or exchanging of **information** or news.
- ▣ A process by which information is exchanged between individuals through a **common** system of symbols, signs, or behaviors.



Hearing God

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Hearing God

Hearing God (1)

- ▣ Has God spoken?
 - More sure word (II Peter 1:19)!
 - He wrote His words down so we would not forget.
 - Our memories are subject to change, but not His word.
 - The written word is the perfect way to make sure nothing is missed.



Hearing God (2)

- Why did He not just write me a personal letter?
 - He did!
 - Here is how He did it.
 - Instead of writing 10 billion letters...
 - He wrote one letter and created 10 billion unique “yous”!
 - This book transcends temperament, experience, age, gender, time, etc.

Hearing God (3)

- What would you want to hear from God that He has not said?
 - I love you?
 - You are loved with an everlasting love!
 - I will take care of you?
 - You are in the King's Pavilion!
 - I will always be there for you?
 - I will never leave you nor forsake you!

Hearing God (4)

▣ Personal Devotions

- To **see** God and **hear** what He has to say to us.
- To learn about how He wants us to live.
- **Not** a time to try to disprove doctrine but rather to confirm it.
- To **establish** what we have been taught by the other spheres of authority in our lives.
- We cannot think the LORD will show us some new thing in His word if we are not doing what He **has** shown us.

Hearing God (5)

- ▣ How else does God speak to me?
 - Counselors
 - Well and Wellspring! Proverbs 10:11 and Proverbs 18:4
 - Safety in counselors!

 - The Holy Spirit
 - He left us with the Comforter...inside us!

Hearing God (6)

- How do you pick a counselor?
 1. Do they have **experience** in what you need help with?
 2. Were they **successful** in dealing with the issue?
 3. Do **others** go to them for **other** matters of counsel?

Hearing God (7)

- ▣ Application Analogy
 - Reading the Bible is like **charging** your phone.
 - If you fail to charge your phone it will be unusable when **needed**.
 - You will need an answer, comfort, or strength, but because you failed to “charge your phone” you have **nothing**.
 - You **wonder** why God does not speak to you during the day? Your phone is dead!



Hearing God (8)

- ▣ Application Analogy
 - The LORD gave us a great example on the retreat!
 - Last minute change
 - Had to switch things up
 - Took longer than expected
 - Could not reach
 - No way to let us know
 - Everything ended up great!

Hearing God (9)

- ▣ Examples
 - Adam
 - Abraham
 - Isaac
 - Jacob
 - Samuel
 - David
 - Job
 - Isaiah
 - Peter
 - Paul
 - John
 - etc.

Talking with God

Talking with God (1)

- ▣ What do we mean when we say “talking with God”?
 - A conversation
 - A dialogue
 - Building a relationship versus performing a review
 - Speaking as to a friend
 - Not just “praying”

Talking with God (2)

- ▣ We tell our friends everything!
 - Fears, hopes, dreams, frustrations, cares, concerns, etc.
 - Why should God be different?
- ▣ If God **has** said everything to you that you would ever want to hear...then what have you **not** said to Him?

Talking with God (3)

- ▣ But there is a problem!



Talking with God (4)

- ▣ Here is the problem!
 - We treat God like an ATM machine.
 - We need something, so we go to God.
 - We want something, so we go to God.
 - We are in trouble, so we go to God.
 - We need to stop talking **at** God but rather **with** Him.
 - We do not spend the time to delight in Him but we are thrilled to send in our requests.

Talking with God (5)

▣ Stigmatisms

- God is to only be feared
 - Thou shalt **love** the LORD thy God...
- God does not want to hear from me
 - He mocked idols because they have ears but hear not
- God is only to be spoken to in formal prayer
 - People in the Bible spoke with God at all times

Talking with God (6)

▣ Examples

– Moses

- Exodus 33...*Face to Face*

– Abraham

- Genesis 15...*What wilt thou give me*

– David

- The Psalms...

Talking with God (7)

- ▣ How does God hear a sinner like me?
 - Jesus died to purchase **access** to God!
 - Romans 5:2
 - By whom we also have access...
 - Ephesians 2:18
 - For through Him we both have access...
 - Ephesians 3:12
 - In whom we have boldness and access...

Learning to Listen

This is the most
important part of
effective
communication!



We need glasses!

We need to
understand the
temperaments and
love languages!

Phlegmatic
Choleric
Melancholy
Sanguine

GUARDED and TASK ORIENTED

Conscientious

Systematic, Details,
Precision, Planning,
Stubborn, Formal,
Rules, Well prepared,
organised.

Dominance

Results, Control,
Challenge, Leadership,
Authority,
Fast Decisions,
To the point.

Steady

Relaxed, Accepting,
Listener, Tolerant,
Sensitive, Slower pace,
Status quo, Organised
and Patient.

Influence

Spontaneous, People
oriented, Persuading,
Big Picture,
Wants Change,
Recognition, Interactive
style.

OPEN and PEOPLE ORIENTED

INDIRECT and SLOWER-PACED

DIRECT and FASTER-PACED

Words of Affirmation
Gifts
Quality Time
Acts of Service
Physical Touch

Learning to Listen (1)

- ▣ Familiarity breeds contempt.
 - We **break** the rules with those closest to us.
 - They should be the ones we pay the **closest** attention to.
 - We say “they should know me” but we have **not** allowed them to keep up.
 - We pay closer attention to **everybody** else.

Learning to Listen (2)

- ▣ Listening is like **deciphering** a code!
- ▣ Everything you are hearing and seeing is **part** of the code.
- ▣ You need to break it down to **crack** the code.
- ▣ You will need to listen **very** carefully.
- ▣ **Two** ears and **one** mouth should make the importance of listening obvious!



Learning to Listen (3)

- ▣ Reasons for ineffective listening
 - The inability to realize that **not** everybody is like you!
 - We need to understand the **differences** in Personalities, Upbringing, Experiences, Gender, Age, Temperaments, etc.
 - **We assume instead of clarify.**
 - Be careful you do not let **YOUR** perception become the reality.

Learning to Listen (4)

- ▣ Reasons for ineffective listening
 - The inability to understand the speaker's perspective.
 - We assume
 - We guess
 - We get hung up on the wrong word
 - We asked the wrong question
 - We only heard the answer we wanted
 - We forget who is speaking

Learning to Listen (5)

Proactive Listening

- ▣ Focused
- ▣ Engaged
- ▣ Clarifying
- ▣ Intentional
- ▣ Eye contact
- ▣ Speaker leads
- ▣ Actually listens
- ▣ Wants to know more

VS

Reactive Listening

- ▣ Wandering
- ▣ Day dreaming
- ▣ Assumptive
- ▣ Disjointed
- ▣ No eye contact
- ▣ Listener tries to lead
- ▣ Looks for opportunities to speak
- ▣ Could care less

Learning to Listen (6)

- ▣ Rules for Effective Listening

The power of the pause!

- ▣ Quick pause
2-3 Seconds
- ▣ Slow pause
3-4 Seconds
- ▣ **Pregnant** pause!
Whatever it takes to be uncomfortable!

Learning to Listen (7)

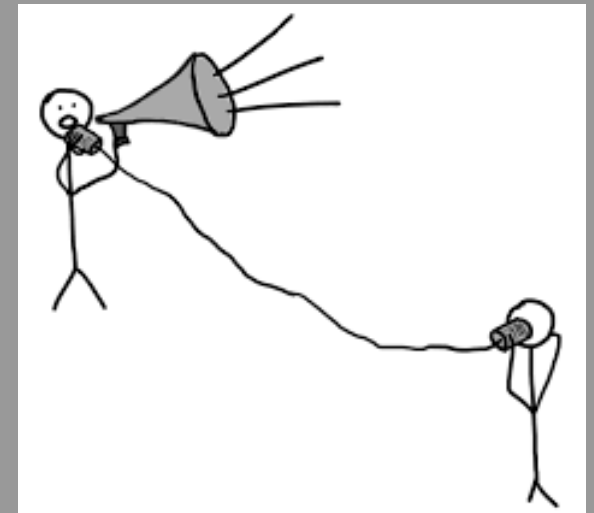
- ▣ Rules for Effective Listening
 - Understand who is speaking.
 - Man/Woman
 - Older/Younger
 - Peer/Prince
 - Like you/Not like you
 - Etc.

Learning to Listen (8)

- ▣ Rules for Effective Listening
 - Meet the speaker where they are.
 - Emotion
 - Mood
 - Tone
 - Speed
 - Volume
 - Mirroring/Reflecting

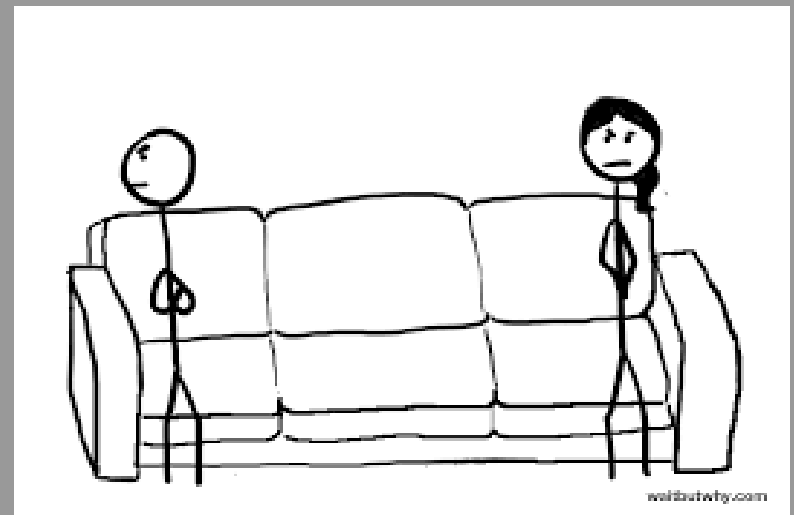
Learning to Listen (9)

- ▣ Rules for Effective Listening
 - Short and focused is better than long and distracted. *I listened to them for an hour...*
 - You must **stay** engaged
 - Clarify if confused
 - Rephrase to reassure
 - Watch body language



Learning to Listen (10)

- ▣ Rules for Effective Listening
 - Body Language!
 - Eye contact
 - Posture
 - Reactions
 - Changes while speaking
 - Stance
 - Arms
 - Gestures
 - Etc.



SOME INTERESTING FACTS

Did you know that:-

- * 7 percent of a message is verbal .
- * 38 percent of message is vocal.
- * 55 percent of message is conveyed non-verbally.
- * 55 percent of total non verbal communication is facial expressions.
- * 93 percent of daily communication is non verbal.
- * Females have much better visual and auditory skills than males.

Learning to Listen (11)

- ▣ Rules for Effective Listening
 - Body Language!
 - The Five C's
 - Cues (The Start)
 - Changes (The Confirmation)
 - Clusters (The Validation)
 - Character (Particulars)
 - Context (The Finish)

What Are
You Saying?

What Are You Saying? (1)

- ▣ Everybody falls into one of two categories!
 - They talk too much...
 - Or they talk too little!
 - Yes, you can talk too little...
 - Yes, most people talk too much.

What Are You Saying? (2)

- ▣ Everybody falls into one of two categories!
 - Death and life are in the power of the tongue...
 - You do not give life if you do not speak.
 - You are hurting others by not speaking
 - You should not question why no one speaks to you if you cannot hold a conversation.
 - When being asked to speak...speak!

What Are You Saying? (3)

- ▣ Everybody falls into one of two categories!
 - Verses
 - Eccl. 5:3 *For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by the multitude of words.*

 - Prov. 17:28 *Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.*

What Are You Saying? (4)

- ▣ Everybody falls into one of two categories!
 - ✓ Quotes
 - *Better to keep quite and be thought a fool than to open ones mouth and remove all doubt.*

 - *Wise men speak because they have something to say, fools speak because they have to say something.*

What Are You Saying? (5)

- ▣ Rules for Effective Speech
 - Meet them where they are!
 - Understand...
 - Who you are talking to
 - Where you are talking to them
 - How they need to be talked to
 - Their gender, age, experience, etc.

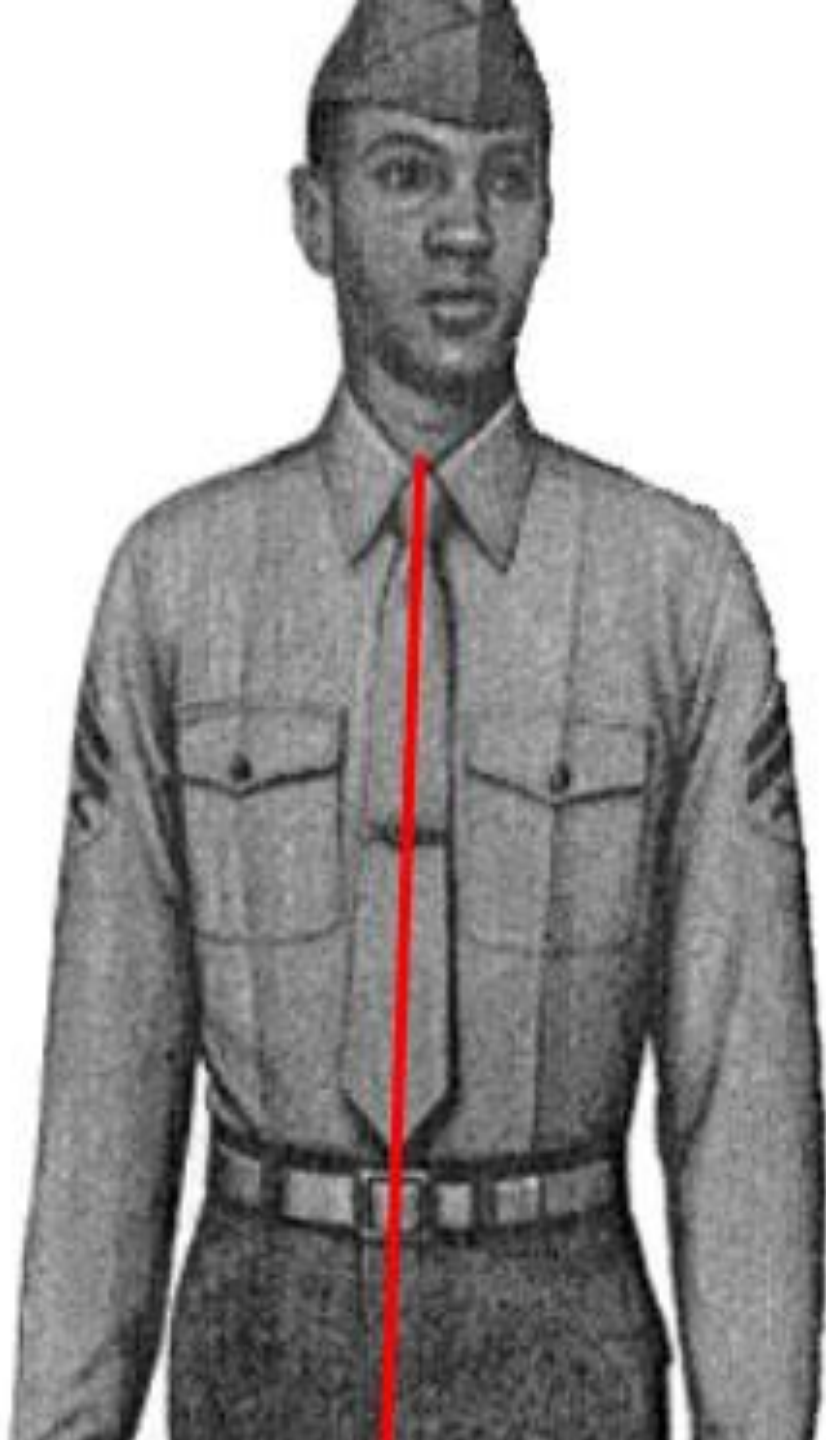
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- ▣ Everything you do says something
 - Body Language
 - Eye contact
 - Posture
 - Reactions
 - Changes while speaking
 - Stance
 - Arms
 - Gestures



What Are You Saying? (7)

- ▣ Everything you do says something
 - **What** you wear says so much.
 - If you dress respectfully others will respect you.
 - Flip flops, ball caps, and shirt tails have their place.
 - Dress for the job you want, not the one you have.
 - Dress with respect for others.
 - Dress like you want to be addressed.
 - When meeting someone new...7 seconds for a first impression.
 - The Gig Line!



GIG LINE



What Are You Saying? (8)

- ▣ Everything you do says something
 - Proxemics
 - Larger study of the relationship of distance between people and the effects on part of society.
 - CIA uses this information in interrogations.
 - How close should you stand to someone when you talk to them.
 - Intimate 12-24 Inches
 - Personal 2-4 Feet
 - Social 4-8 Feet

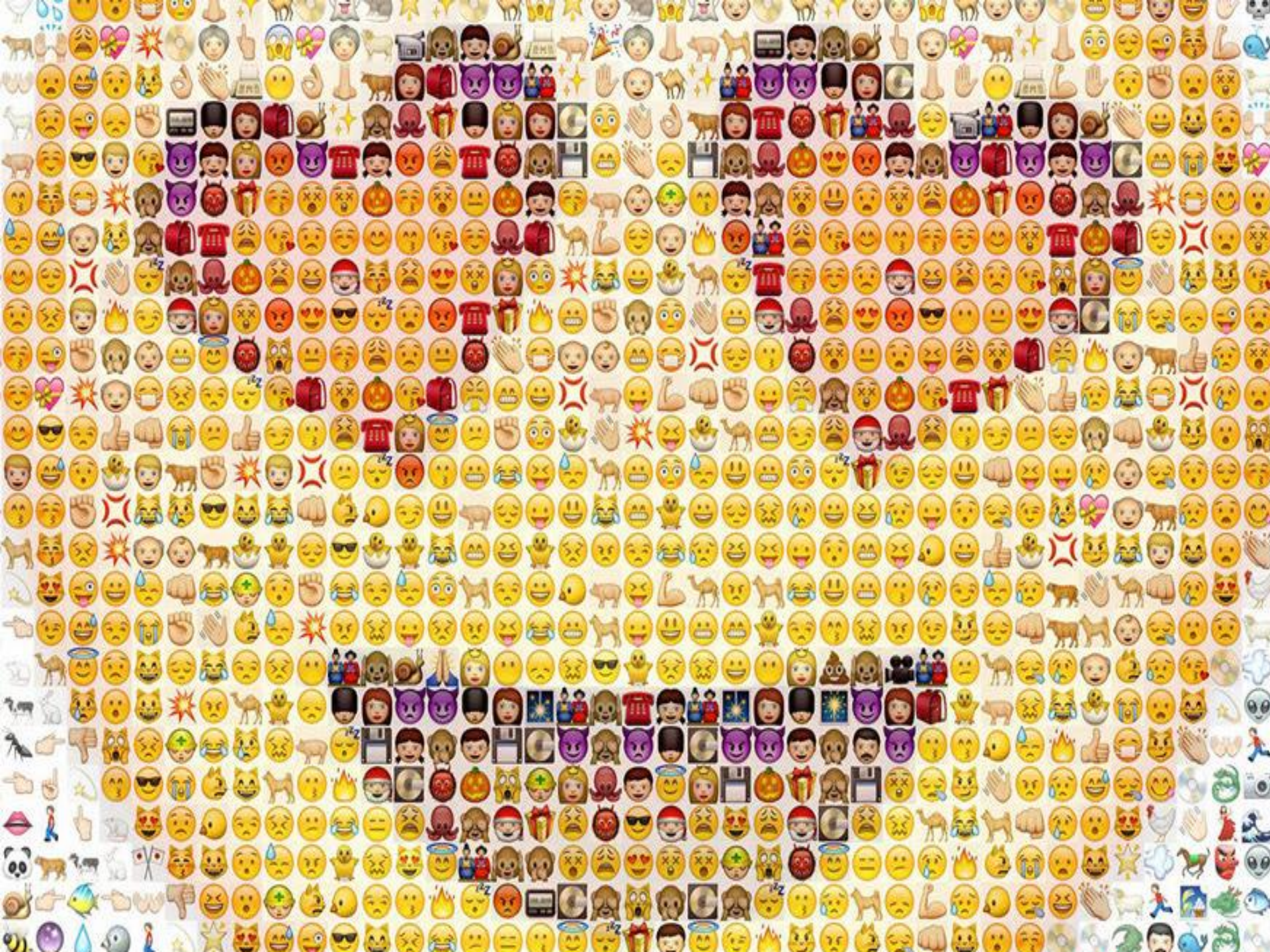
What Are You Saying? (9)

- ▣ Everything you do says something
 - Social Media and Technology
 - Women **generally** use three times the amount of words that men use.
 - Answer texts or do **not** give your phone number out.
 - **Close** the loop.
 - Be **cognizant** about electronic communication when, where, why, how, whom...

What Are You Saying? (10)

- ▣ Everything you do says something
 - Social Media and Technology
 - So much is **lost** in translation
 - Profiles **are** used in employment
 - The cloak of anonymity **can** get you in trouble
 - The **perceived** distance allows for relaxation
 - Once done it is impossible to **undo**
 - “Sticks and Stones...”
 - Careful with emojis!!!





What Are You Saying? (11)

Mr. Sarcastic

- ▣ Jokes
- ▣ Puts down
- ▣ Makes fun of
- ▣ Exaggerates
- ▣ Looks for faults
- ▣ Talks about self
- ▣ Ridicules
- ▣ Interrupts

VS

Mr. Charisma

- ▣ Sincere
- ▣ Lifts up
- ▣ Encourages
- ▣ Is Truthful
- ▣ Looks for positives
- ▣ Asks about others
- ▣ Compliments
- ▣ Is patient

What Are You Saying? (12)

- ▣ Sarcasm!
 - Breathe this in...
 - *Sarcasm is not funny...I only laugh because I am too scared to tell you how much it hurts.*

What Are You Saying? (13)

▣ Graciousness

- How do you make people want to talk to you?
 - ▣ Happy people are more fun to talk to!
 - ▣ A merry heart is like a medicine... Proverbs 17:22
 - Studies prove God's word!
 - He who laughs, lasts!
 - ▣ A man that hath friends... Proverbs 18:24
- Learn what to say
 - ▣ Complement, praise, talk about them, be thankful
- Learn to smile!

What Are You Saying? (14)

- ▣ The power of the apology!
 - Not all apologies are the **same...**
 - Sincere
 - Sarcastic
 - Complete
 - Partial
 - Please stop talking
 - **But, but, but**
 - *The best apology is the one accepted*

What Are You Saying? (15)

▣ Miscellaneous

- Women **generally** use three times the amount of words that men use during a lifetime.
- Be **cognizant** about electronic communication when, where, why, how, whom...
- Answer texts or do **not** give your phone number out.
- **Close** the loop.
- Knowledge is power...you can hardly ever over communicate.

Conclusion

- ▣ God has written **you** a personal letter about everything that matters.
- ▣ Speak **with** God, not at Him.
- ▣ Listen with **intent**.
- ▣ Know **what** you are saying.
- ▣ **Everything** you do communicates something!