

# AWESOME HOME MAKEOVER

## Creating a Culture of Constructive Communication

Various Scriptures

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### Bottom Line:

Christ-honoring communication is the means by which a relationship grows in its love, friendship, intimacy, and oneness!

Husband and wife “complementing” each other in the marriage	
Husband	Wife
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Step up and servant-lead</li> <li>• Set the pace for Christ’s involvement in the home.</li> <li>• Show focused interest</li> <li>• Speak nourishing and cherishing words</li> <li>• Schedule quality time</li> <li>• Strategize solutions to present and future problems</li> <li>• Search the heart of your wife</li> <li>• Seek the Lord</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show your support</li> <li>• Share key areas that need addressing</li> <li>• Speak with respect and love</li> <li>• Support church involvement</li> <li>• Spend quality time</li> <li>• Show appreciation in various ways</li> <li>• Strategize solutions to present and future problems</li> <li>• Seek the Lord</li> </ul>

### Steps to a Culture of Constructive Communication:

**STEP 1:** Allow the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ to guide your communication.  
Ephesians 5:22-23; Luke 6:46-49

**STEP 2:** Believe that, with God’s help, you can \_\_\_\_\_ for the better. Philippians 1:6,9-12

#### Connecting questions...

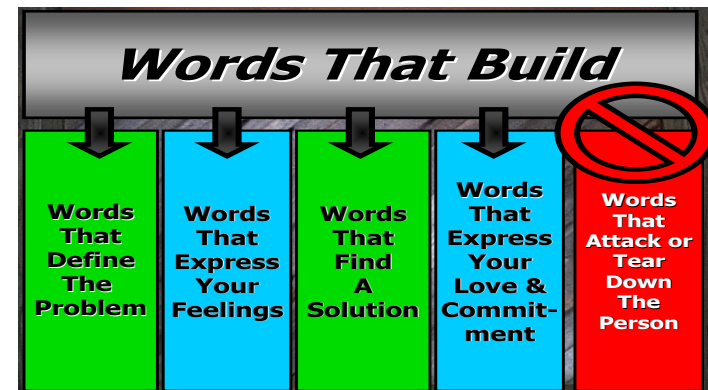
- What happened today?
- How are you doing?
- What is our most urgent need / challenge?
- What can we do to make our marriage even better?
- What do we have to plan for?
- What should we pray for?
- What is facing us tomorrow / this week?

**STEP 3:** Keep your eyes on the prize of a great \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ephesians 5:29; Proverbs 28:13-14

**STEP 4:** Work on becoming a great \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ephesians 5:29; James 1:19

**STEP 5:** Express your expectations humbly and \_\_\_\_\_.  
1 Peter 3:8-9

**STEP 6:** Commit to \_\_\_\_\_ up your spouse with your words. Ephesians 4:29



**STEP 7:** Realize that the more you \_\_\_\_\_ your marriage, the more you will receive.  
Ephesians 4:28-29; 1 Peter 3:7b

#### Take-Home Builder:

\_\_\_\_ Do creative things this week that indicate that you are pursuing the heart of your spouse (note-writing, gifts, spontaneous activities, phone calls, stay-dates, etc.).

\_\_\_\_ Plan a date night where you both can focus on God’s gift to you through your spouse and lovingly communicate ways in which you can strengthen your marriage.