

Communicating With Honor: Reducing The Offense

Offenses Can Be Reduced, And Good Things Done Through Honorable Communication

Colossians 3:8 - now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language.

We Have To Put Away Anything From Our Mouth That Isn't Good

<u>Philippians 4:8</u> - Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

- Living By The Spirit Is Supposed To Improve Our Interactions And Relationships With Others
- 1. Is It True?

Proverbs 12:22 – The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth.

Colossians 3:9 - Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds.

2. Is It Kind?

Ephesians 4:15 - ...speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ...

Ephesians 4:32 - Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

3. Is It Necessary?

Proverbs 11:22 - A beautiful woman who lacks discretion is like a gold ring in a pig's snout.

A Lack Of Discretion Is Misplaced Beauty

Ephesians 4:29 - Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

• Everyone Is Your Neighbor