

THE BUILDING BLOCKS

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James 1:19 "You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry."

Three Building Blocks to Build a Better Home

1. COMMUNICATION.

"You must all be quick to listen."

1 John 1:7 "If we live in the light, as God does, we share in life with each other."

Ephesians 4:15, 25, 29 "Speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ...for we are all parts of the same body. Let everything you say be good and

helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them."

Proverbs 18:21 "The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit."

Proverbs 11:9 "With their words, the godless destroy their friends."

Proverbs 18:6 "Fools' words get them into constant quarrels."

Not all words carry equal weight.

Ephesians 6:4 "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord."

2. CONSIDERATION.

"You must all be slow to speak."

Your first priority in a relationship is to understand, not to be understood.

Psalm 139:14 "Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous."

Proverbs 15:23 "Giving the right answer at the right time makes everyone happy."

Be quick to listen – so you can understand the other person. Be slow to speak – so you can be understood.

Proverbs 20:5 "Someone's thoughts may be as deep as the ocean, but if you are smart, you will discover them."

Ephesians 4:26-27 "When you are angry, do not sin. Do not let the sun go

down while you are still angry. Don't give the devil a chance."

Consideration turns conflict into conversation.

Proverbs 15:1 "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

3. CONCILIATION.

"You must all be slow to get angry."

Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind and loving to each other. Forgive each other the same as God forgave you through Christ."

Luke 6:37 "Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven."

Colossians 3:12-14 "God loves you and has chosen you as His own special people. So be gentle, kind, humble, meek, and patient. Put up with each other, and forgive anyone who does you wrong, just as Christ has forgiven you. Love is more important than anything else. It is what ties everything completely together."

Hebrews 10:24 "In response to all He has done for us, let us outdo each other in being helpful and kind to each other and in doing good.

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