

# Tips for Connecting in Communication

*Message: She said, He heard*

**One:** T\_\_\_\_\_ to God before you talk to t\_\_\_\_\_: "Ask and it will be given to you."

*"God wrote the owner's manual on your spouse/friend. Go to Him first."*

**Two:** P\_\_\_\_\_ the p\_\_\_\_\_: *Prov 16: 23*

*"Planning means paying attention to what you desire to communicate and doing so in a way the other person will understand and be able to respond to."*

**Three:** P\_\_\_\_\_ the right timeline: *Eccl. 8:6*

*"Timing is everything in communication."*

**Four:** B\_\_\_\_\_ with the other person's needs: "Speak only what is helpful or will build up..."  
*Eph. 4: 32*

*"Don't push your friend/spouse away when you are in a battle; stay in the middle with them and work through the conflict."*

**Five:** L\_\_\_\_\_ to them first - *Prov 18:13; James 1:19*

*"The longer you are married the more assumptions you have about the other person."*

**Six:** Say it p\_\_\_\_\_: *Prov 16:21*

*"I am never persuasive when I am abrasive."*

**Seven:** C\_\_\_\_\_ your c\_\_\_\_\_: *Phil. 4: 2*

*"Vagueness always causes distorted vision." RL*

**Eight:** End with an encouraging word: *Prov. 12: 25*

**Next week's message: "How to win an argument every time."**