

LECTURE #8

COMMUNICATION

INTRODUCTION

Communication is vital for three reasons, as spelled out in Ephesians 4:1-24...

1. Communication is vital because of _____ (4:1-16).
2. Communication is vital because of _____ (4:17-19).
3. Communication is vital because of _____ (4:2-24).

I. FOUR RULES OF COMMUNICATION FROM EPHESIANS 4

A. Rule #1: Be _____ (25).

1. _____ up is sin.
2. _____ up is sin.

B. Rule #2: Keep _____ (26-27).

1. Deal with today's problems _____.

Key: What happens when we fail to keep current?
Four dangerous consequences...

- a. The first is _____.
 - b. We open the way to _____
 - c. We give the _____ a foothold in our lives.
 - d. Unresolved problems tend to distort _____ problems.
2. Deal with today's problems _____.

C. Rule #3: Attack _____, not _____ (29-30).

1. I must avoid words that _____ down.
2. I must use words that _____ up.

D. Rule #4: Act, don't _____ (31-32).

1. We must put off six _____ (31).

- Bitterness = _____-standing resentment
- Rage = (KJV "wrath") flaring _____
- Anger = the "_____ burn"
- Brawling = (KJV "clamor") _____ contention and strife
- Slander = (KJV "evil speaking") speech that _____
- Malice = the desire to _____ others or see others suffer

2. We must put on three _____ (32).

- Be _____.
- Be _____.
- Be _____.

Conclusion: The bottom line is this. We ought to _____ by the way we communicate.