

The Communication House | God's plan for family talk

I. The Rules

- *All* communication from *all* family members at *all* times must stay “inside the House.”
- If any family member or members “leave the House” with their words, the discussion must immediately change to getting the family members’ communication back “in the House.” The initial topic of conversation cannot move forward as long as even one person refuses to talk about it “inside the House.”
- If the family member or members refuse to return to the house, one of two things must happen.
 - The conversation must end until everyone can discuss it “in the House,”
 - Or the family member whose communication is “outside the House” must stay quiet and listen until they’re ready to communicate “in the House” - consequently allowing the family members who are communicating inside the house to continue communicating.
- Assuming all family members either stay “in the House” or return “to the House,” the conversation can continue in a Christ-honoring way.

II. The House

- *The Foundation of the House is Truth.*
 - **All communication must be honest.** Proverbs 12:22
 - **All communication must align to God's revealed Truth.** Proverbs 23:23
- *The Walls of the House are Love.*
 - **Love is Humble.** I Corinthians 13:4-5
 - **Love is Patient.** I Corinthians 13:4
 - **Love is Kind.** I Corinthians 13:4, 7; Colossians 4:6
 - **Love is Forgiving.** Ephesians 4:32
- *The Roof of the House is God's Glory.*
 - Christ-honoring communication understands it will never *accidentally* glorify God, so it deliberately seeks to.
 - People whose communication is founded on Truth and built in Love cannot say anything that displeases the Lord. It's the fulfillment of Augustine's vision of a mature Christian: “*Love God and [say] whatever you want.*”

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