

## **Communicating with Others**

**Scripture:** “*Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.*” – Colossians 4:6 (KJV)

Good communication is not just about the words we use—it is about the spirit behind them. The Bible reminds us that our words carry weight: “*Death and life are in the power of the tongue*” (Proverbs 18:21). That means what we say can either build someone up or tear them down.

Think about Jesus—He never wasted words. His communication was always purposeful, loving, and filled with truth. When He spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4), He broke barriers by speaking with kindness and honesty. His words didn’t just quench her thirst for water, they reached her heart, leading her to salvation.

### **Story:**

There was once a man who worked in a busy office. Every day, one of his coworkers seemed grumpy and short with everyone. Instead of reacting harshly, this man chose to greet him kindly every morning with, “Good to see you—hope your day goes well.” At first, the grumpy coworker ignored him, but after weeks of consistent kindness, his attitude began to change. Eventually, he admitted that those small words of encouragement helped him through a tough season in life.

That’s the power of communicating with grace. Sometimes a gentle word, a patient response, or a kind greeting can do more than we realize.

### **Application:**

When we communicate with others, we are called to speak truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). That means listening before speaking, choosing words that heal instead of harm, and letting Christ’s love flow through our conversations.

So this week, ask yourself: *Do my words reflect Christ?* If we let our speech be seasoned with grace, God can use even our simple conversations to shine His light into someone’s life.