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ISAIAH 1:18-20 (NCV)



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Isaiah 1:18-19 NCV

¹⁸ The LORD says, “Come, let us talk about these things. Though your sins are like scarlet, they can be as white as snow. Though your sins are deep red, they can be white like wool.

¹⁹ If you become willing and obey me, you will eat good crops from the land.



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²⁰ But if you refuse to obey and if you turn against Me, you will be destroyed by your enemies' swords." The Lord Himself said these things.



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Communication vs. Conversation

- **Talking is an act of consideration that is given to another.**
- ✓ **Communication and Conversation are not interchangeable words.**
- ❑ **They have different meanings.**



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Communication vs. Conversation

- **Communication is a process by which information is exchanged between individuals through a common system of symbols, signs or behavior.**
- ✓ **We communicate in many different ways not just through talking.**



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The Five Love Languages

- **Five (5) Ways to Say “I Love You”:**
 - ✓ **Words of Affirmation**
 - ✓ **Acts of Service**
 - ✓ **Receiving Gifts / Trinkets of Love**
 - ✓ **Quality Time**
 - ✓ **Physical Touch / Touches of Affection**

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Communication vs. Conversation

- **Conversation is an oral exchange of sentiments, observations, opinions or ideas.**
- ✓ **No relationship is meaningful without consistent conversation.**
- ✓ **Relationships hold us accountable for how we think and feel.**
- ❑ **Talking is one way we are held accountable.**



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Reasons Men Don't Talk

- **Unconscious Violations**
- **Insensitive Treatment**
- **Entitlement Attitudes**
- ❖ **We become comfortable and forget to give the grace, love and compassion afforded to us.**



Unconscious Violations

- **Complacency is self-satisfaction especially when accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies; to be unconcerned, disinterested, nonchalant or casual.**
 - ✓ **Men stop talking when violated.**
 - ✓ **Accidental or Intentional, it's still a violation.**



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Proverbs 18:19 NKJV

“A brother offended is harder to win than a strong city, and contentions are like the bars of a castle.”



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Unconscious Violations

- X Comparison to another man**
- X Invasion of Privacy**
- X Mocking Vulnerability**
- X Deflective Insecurity**
- X Accusations**
- X Character Assassination**



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Ecclesiastes 7:21-22 NKJV

21 Also do not take to heart everything people say, lest you hear your servant cursing you.

22 For many times, also, your own heart has known that even you have cursed others.



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James 1:19-20 NCV

19 My dear brothers and sisters, always be willing to listen and slow to speak. Do not become angry easily,

20 because anger will not help you live the right kind of life GOD wants.



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Insensitive Treatment

Insensitivity is lacking feeling or tact; to be callous, cold-blooded, ruthless or unsympathetic.

✓ **We should never be insensitive.**



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Galatians 5:22-23 NCV

22 But the Spirit produces the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, self-control. There is no law that says these things are wrong.



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Colossians 3:12 NCV

¹² GOD has chosen you and made you HIS holy people. HE loves you. So, you should always clothe yourselves with mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.”



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Proverbs 12:18 NLT

¹⁸ The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.



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Proverbs 18:21 NIV

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



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Proverbs 31:26 NLT

26 When she [a wife] speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness.



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Insensitive Treatment

- **GOD has given the woman a very special place within the heart and life of a man.**
 - ✓ **Woman has an obligation and responsibility to care for, and protect her man.**
 - ✓ **Be more sensitive to the needs and posture (mindset) of men.**
 - ✓ **Displaying GOD's Love will start conversation.**



Entitlement Attitude

- ✓ **Men shut down and stonewall conversations in the fight against entitlement attitudes.**
- **Entitlement is having a right to certain benefits or privileges; a belief that one is deserving of certain privileges.**
- ✓ **Every relationship must have healthy boundaries.**



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St. Luke 14:11 NCV

¹¹ All who make themselves great will be made humble, but those who make themselves humble will be made great.



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Philippians 2:3-4 NCV

³ When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves.

⁴ Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others.



Point 1 — Be Alert v.18a

18 The Lord says, “Come, let us talk about these things. Though your sins are like scarlet, they can be as white as snow. Though your sins are deep red, they can be white like wool.” — Isaiah 1:18 NCV

- ✓ **Alertness is to be watchful and prompt; quick to perceive or act; to be ready; to be looking for, or expecting something.**



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1 Peter 1:13 NLT

13 So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world.

- ✓ **Make Jesus Christ and His instructions the focus of the conversations.**



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St. Matthew 24:44 NCV

44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at a time you don't expect Him.

- ✓ Listen to hear Jesus Christ in the words that are being spoken.**



Point 2 — Be Attentive v.18b

18 The Lord says, “Come, let us talk about these things. Though your sins are like scarlet, they can be as white as snow. Though your sins are deep red, they can be white like wool.” — Isaiah 1:18 NCV

- ✓ **Attentiveness is to be mindful or observant; heedful to the comfort of others; to be focused, immersed or intentional.**



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Psalms 51:10 NCV

10 Create in me a pure heart, GOD, and make my spirit right again.

- ✓ **Seek GOD for a change of heart and restoration of trust.**



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Hosea 10:12 NLT

12 I said, “Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love. Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the LORD, that He may come and shower righteousness upon you.”

- ✓ **Give to others whatever you desire to receive from GOD.**



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Jeremiah 24:7 NKJV

7 Then I will give them a heart to know ME, that I am the LORD; and they shall be MY people, and I will be their GOD, for they shall return to ME with their whole heart.

✓ Accept GOD's Way and Will above all else.



Point 3 — Be Aware v.18c

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- ✓ **Awareness is having or showing realization, perception or knowledge; being conscious, sensible and watchful.**



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Isaiah 30:21 NCV

21 If you go the wrong way—to the right or to the left—you will hear a voice behind you saying, “This is the right way. You should go this way.”

✓ Consciously listen for the voice of GOD.



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Hebrews 10:22 NCV

22 let us come near to GOD with a sincere heart and a sure faith, because we have been made free from a guilty conscience, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

- ✓ **Openly express and request the forgiveness of Jesus Christ.**
- ☐ **We must forgive frequently and often.**



1 Timothy 1:5-6 NCV

5 The purpose of this command is for people to have love, a love that comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a true faith.

6 Some people have missed these things and turned to useless talk.

- ✓ Maintain a pure heart regardless of the circumstances.**



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Ways To Give



Giving Made Easy

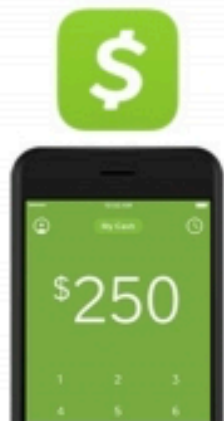
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