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WALKING IN WISDOM

Week 3 - Pastor Oscar Chavez

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- Communication, at its most basic, is the process of sending and receiving information between people.

Our words are powerful.

***“A wise way to live, is being careful
with your words”***

Good communication is an essential part of our lives, communication **helps us build relationships by allowing us to share our experiences, and needs, and helps us connect to others.**

“Listening is a handicap”.

- **Proverbs 18:13**

13 *If one gives an answer before he hears, is both shameful and foolish.*

What is listening in the teachings of the Old Testament?

- The Shema

- Deut. 6:4-5

Hear oh Israel the Lord is our God the Lord is one and As for you you shall love the Lord your God with all of your heart with all of your soul and with all of your strength

What is listening in the teachings of the Old Testament?

- The Shema
- Proverbs 20:12
- *Ears that Shema and eyes that see, the Lord has made them both*

What is listening in the teachings of the Old Testament?

Leah

- Simon or in Hebrew
- Shim'on *“because she says the Lord has Shema that I’m unloved”*

What is listening in the teachings of the Old Testament?

- The Shema
- to hear with attention or interest, it can also mean, listen to understand, to obey, “responding to what you hear”

• Psalm 27:7

Shema *my voice when I call oh Lord
be merciful answer me*

Hear, שְׁמַע (šə·ma')

How does listening help us to have better relationships?

1. If you listen, you will show respect to the other person.

• Proverbs 18:13

¹³ *If one gives an answer before he hears, is both shameful and foolish*

How does listening help us to have better relationships?

2. If you listen, others will see you with respect.

- Proverbs 12:15

- ¹⁵ *Fools think their own way is right but the wise listen to others.*

How does listening help us to have better relationships?

3. When you listen, you will be able to understand others and not just yourself.

• Proverbs 18:2

A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion.

How does listening help us to have better relationships?

4. If you don't have anything edifying to say "Don't say anything and listen"

- Proverbs 17:28

- ²⁸ *Even fools are thought wise when they keep silent; with their mouths shut, they seem intelligent.*

How does listening help us to have better relationships?

4. If you don't have anything edifying to say "Don't say anything and listen"

• Proverbs 21:23

Whoever keeps his mouth, and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble.

How does listening help us to have better relationships?

4. If you don't have anything edifying to say "Don't say anything and listen"

• Proverbs 10:19

When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.

How does listening help us to have better relationships?

4. If you don't have anything edifying to say "Don't say anything and listen"

- Proverbs 12:18

- ¹⁸ Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing.

How does listening help us to have better relationships?

4. If you don't have anything edifying to say "Don't say anything and listen"

• Proverbs 17:27

Whoever restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.

How does listening help us to have better relationships?

5. People will love coming to you when they know that you will listen

• Psalm 116:1-2

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

How does listening help us to have better relationships?

6. The more you hear, the more you *learn*.

• Matt. 7:24

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

How does listening help us to have better relationships?

7. In *distress* and in moments of trouble, others will trust that they can come to you because you listen to them.

• Psalm 18:6

In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

- "We are given two ears but only one mouth, because listening is twice as hard as talking"

- Sensitive listening - Empathetic listening -
Active listening - Reflective listening

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