

Summary (notes) by Heidi from the message.....

## **Communication**

Bro. Tim (17.6.12am)

The world cannot function without communication. Communication is more than words- actions, facial expressions. Everything that you express within a day is a means of communication.

Is it the fault of yours or the other if you misunderstand the communicated message? Everyone always wants to blame someone else. You need to learn to communicate effectively.

The brain, mouth and hands given by God is to be used for his glory, to be used as a tool. This body, this image, this vessel that you have is ready... NOW. God says the vessel that you have is good, there is no need to get it right or ready. Out in the world, the vessel is never good enough (can always be improved).

2 Tim. 2:20, 21

Do you just want to be a vessel for the Lord? Be a vessel set aside for Gods use. God is looking for the willing heart, set aside, willing to go the way of the world. Are you willing to set aside your life for him?

You communicate through body language as well as words. Without communication, we would be lost.

Gen. 11:5-8

Confusion is communicated within the church week after week, spreading message that you can't escape sin.

Eph. 4:29

From the believers lips should only come words that are edifying. Corrupt means rottenness and worthless. It is more than just swear words, but includes bickering, gossip, backbiting. God transformed our mouths for edification so that we could be a people of fellowship and encouragement. Tis world wants you to think about yourself- where are my friends to pick me up if I'm having a bad day?

What comes from our mouths during the week?

vs. 31

Paul speaks about it like a disease- get it away from you, as far as possible.

The world thrives on this stuff- bitterness, wrath, gossip, magazines are full of it. Before you were saved, this is what you did.... But after the Lord saved you, your communication should be for the good of the hearer.

vs. 32

God gave us compassion and forgiveness as a means of communication. Forgiveness and compassion comes from your heart, not just your lips. It is communicated through words and actions. How do you communicate these things with the brethren each week? Are the brethren upon your minds during the week? How do you communicate that the brethren are special and you love them?

It is one thing to say that you love the brethren, but to show it is something else. Today, everyone thinks or says they are a Christian- but do they show it through their love and care for the brethren?

Eph. 6:21-22

Paul wanted to express everything that he had within him. He poured his heart out to the Ephesians. These scriptures urge us to pray, encourage and love the brethren. Our communication goes beyond the words we speak- thank one another if someone encourages you.

Jesus healed the sick, raised the lame, showing his love, tender heart. He never wanted publicity from this but loved the person and their soul, wanting the best for them. He wanted to show and tell them why he lived the way he lived, said the things he said- live his testimony.

Phil. 1:1-4

Paul was writing from prison, trying to encourage Philemon to keep on going. Can you imagine doing the same from prison? Do you think at times, that no one understands or ask why aren't people ringing me up, encouraging me?

vs. 5-7

Paul was trying to show Philemon, encouraging him that he was making a difference in the lives of the brethren.

If you are going through the valley of the shadow of death, encourage others; forget about yourself. Be thankful.

Paul, the prisoner, wanted to know everything Philemon was doing- encouraged him to do more.