



Membership † **Discipleship** † Leadership

John 13:34-35 *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

I am a disciple of \_\_\_\_\_.

A follower of Jesus Christ who studies the scriptures and diligently seeks to comply with what God commands. Jesus said *“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.”* (John 8:31)

## “Communication”

Cooperative † Collaborative † Confidential

† Proverbs 4:7 *“Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding”*

Effective communication is essential for every believer/ disciple of Jesus Christ. Various communication styles cause some relational complexity and misunderstanding. It didn't matter if Jesus was talking privately to the woman at the well or publicly speaking in parables from a boat to the crowd on shore, He communicated with confidence. Disciples should possess that same confidence when communicating (Heb. 10:35). Ensuring that every interaction serves a purpose will guarantee effective communication. If we convey what's written in the word of God, we can't go wrong. Our interactions with others serve several purposes which should ultimately result in a stronger relationship with Jesus Christ. The ultimate responsibility of every believer is to communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ so that unbelievers may come to believe. Be cognizant of your conversations whether you're communicating with, to or for someone:

Speak with:	Impartation/ Inspiration
Speak to:	Information/ Instruction
Speak for:	Intercession/ Interpretation

Read the following scriptures and discover new strategies for how you can improve your communication style/ skills with others.

Proverbs 21:23 \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 11:14 \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 16:23 \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 25:9 \_\_\_\_\_

† Romans 12:2 “... *be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*”

Satan desires to cause division amongst disciples. He uses negative means of communication such as gossip and slander to discredit the good news of the gospel through silly disputes. Jesus taught the disciples to be cooperative, collaborative and confidential. Read Proverbs 6:16-19

Cooperative means to submit to the thoughts and opinion of others. Being cooperative requires us to talk less and listen more (Jam. 1:19-20). If we’re going to win souls for Christ, we have to be willing to listen attentively. It’s difficult to help someone if you don’t know what kind of help they need to get closer to God. Proverbs 18:19 informs us that a brother offended is hard to win. We don’t always know who God is using and we can’t be selective to His choice (Read Num. 22:22-40). Use discernment not discretion based on personal relationship. God expects us to walk in humility with one another by **considering** their thoughts, suggestions and ideas (Phil. 2:4).

Collaborative means to support others by working together in unity. We are one body and we should be considerate of others. If we’re not operating in unity and sharing what God has given us, we are doing a disservice to the kingdom (Eph. 4:1-6; Acts 4:32). As believers we draw unbelievers so that they may have an opportunity to gain salvation. If we’re not on one accord, how can we draw others? We should be speaking the same language (1 Cor. 1:10). The vision that He gives to you is for you to share with others to build the kingdom. “Where *there is* no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors *there is* safety” (Prov. 11:14). Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus!

Confidential means to safeguard information pertaining to or provided about others. A disciple must have a very high regard for confidentiality. When people speak to you in confidence, it should remain with you unless they say otherwise. If the person is going to cause harm to another person, you should consult a trusted source (Rom. 14:16). We must maintain a level of integrity that will not diminish our reputation in Jesus Christ. Read Proverbs 17:9; 25:9.

† Psalm 119:11 “*Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.*”

Day/ Week of	Daily Reading	Which Bible verse had the most impact?
Monday <input type="checkbox"/>	Isaiah 52-54	
Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Isaiah 55-57	
Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Isaiah 58-60	
Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>	Isaiah 61-63	
Friday <input type="checkbox"/>	Isaiah 64-66	
Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	Jeremiah 1-3	
Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	Jeremiah 4-6	

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