

B. Good communication is a **two-way** street involving free, open talking and careful, attentive listening.

1. **Talking** ~ Ask yourself these questions:

a. Is it both **truthful** and **loving**?

*“but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—”*  
Ephesians 4:15

b. Is it the best **way** to say it?

*“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold In settings of silver.”*  
Proverbs 25:11

c. Is it the right **time** to say it?

*“A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word spoken in due season, how good it is!”*  
Proverbs 15:23

2. **Listening** ~ Put on these hearing aids:

a. Good listening involves letting the other person speak without **interruption**.

*“He who answers a matter before he hears it, It is folly and shame to him.”*  
Proverbs 18:13

b. Good listening involves giving the other person your undivided **attention**.

*“So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;”*  
James 1:19

c. Good listening involves making sure you understand what the other person is **saying**.

*“Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water, But a man of understanding will draw it out.”*  
Proverbs 20:5

## TONGUE PIERCED The Language Of Love Pastor Steve Reynolds

### INTRODUCTION

A. The words you speak every day will shape your life – positively or negatively. It’s up to each of us to decide whether the words we speak every day will lead to life, success and positive relationships or death, destruction and painful memories.

*“For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:”*

I Peter 3:10

B. Tongue Pierced will teach you how to choose your words wisely to create the life you want. During this spiritual growth campaign you will learn how the words you speak transform the life you live.

Oct 4	Kick Off Sunday
Oct 11	The Power Of Words
Oct 18	What Your Words Say About You
Oct 25	The Most Important Conversations You’ll Ever Have
Nov 1	The Art Of Cursing
TODAY	The Language Of Love
Nov 15	Go Ahead – Talk To Yourself
Nov 22	Developing An Attitude Of Gratitude
Nov 29	Mastering Confrontation & Conflict
Dec 6	Words That Last

Come and hear these messages and discover how the Bible can help you to be Tongue Pierced!

C. **TEXT:** I Corinthians 13:4-5 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1127/New Test.)

## THE LANGUAGE OF LOVE

### I. RECOGNIZE THE PRIORITY OF COMMUNICATION

*“If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion is useless.”*  
James 1:26

Negative consequences of poor communication:

#### A. Closeness is hindered.

*“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”*  
Genesis 2:24

#### B. Conflicts are unresolved.

*“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.”*  
Matthew 18:15

#### C. Confusion is allowed.

*“33: For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.  
40: Let all things be done decently and in order.”*  
I Corinthians 14:33, 40

#### D. Christianity is unclear.

*“You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”*  
Deuteronomy 6:7

### II. FOLLOW THE PARTICULARS OF COMMUNICATION

#### A. Communicate with God and He will help you communicate with people.

*“I said, “I will guard my ways, Lest I sin with my tongue; I will restrain my mouth with a muzzle, While the wicked are before me.”*  
Psalm 39:1

*“Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.”*  
Psalm 141:3

#### B. God created males and females with unique communication styles and needs.

*“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”*  
Genesis 1:27

*“Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.”*  
Ephesians 5:33

### III. UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS OF COMMUNICATION

#### A. Communicating with one another is a complex process.

Specialists point out that when you talk with another person there are actually six messages that come through:

1. What you mean to say.
2. What you actually say.
3. What the other person hears.
4. What the other person thinks they hear.
5. What the other person says about what you said.
6. What you think the other person says about what you said.

The result is that, sometimes there are misunderstandings.