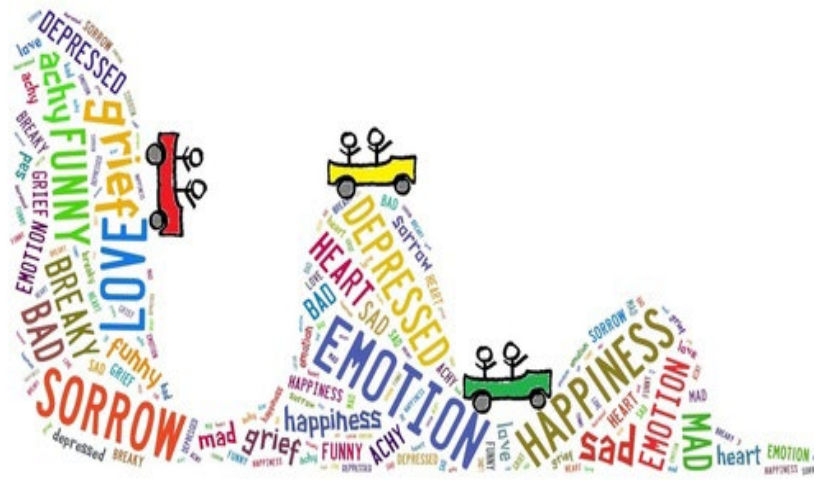


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Family Development Day



Communication Principles

Characteristics of a Christian family

- ▶ Members are fundamentally different.
- ▶ Formed into a BODY; held together by love.
- ▶ Designed by God with purpose to navigate life.



Is this your family?



What influences communication?



What influences communication?

Each person is unique.

- S.H.A.P.E.
- Birth - Sibling Order.
- Emotional Process.
- Emotional Backdrop.
- Communication Style.



What influences communication?

Each person has a unique...

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Passion
Personality Type
(Decision Making - Energy Recharge)
Gifts and Abilities
Love Language
Worship Style



Can you identify the S.H.A.P.E. of each family member?



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Eldest
Middle
Youngest
Only child
Blended Order
Trauma Order
Spiritual-Faith Order



How does birth order influence communication in your family?



What influences communication?

Each person has a unique...

- ▶ S.H.A.P.E.
- ▶ Birth - Sibling Order.
- ▶ Emotional Process. → Emotional Setpoint & Cutoff.
How They “Carry” Feelings.
Helicopter or Lawnmower.
- ▶ Emotional Backdrop.
- ▶ Communication Style.



Have you identified the emotional patterns of your family?



What influences communication?

Each person has a unique...

- ▶ S.H.A.P.E.
- ▶ Birth - Sibling Order.
- ▶ Emotional Process.
- ▶ Emotional Backdrop. —————> **Friends (type, nature, #)**
Blue/White Collar, Identity,
Extracurricular Activities, ACE,
Shared Experiences.
- ▶ Communication Style.



Do you know the friends (influencers) of your children?



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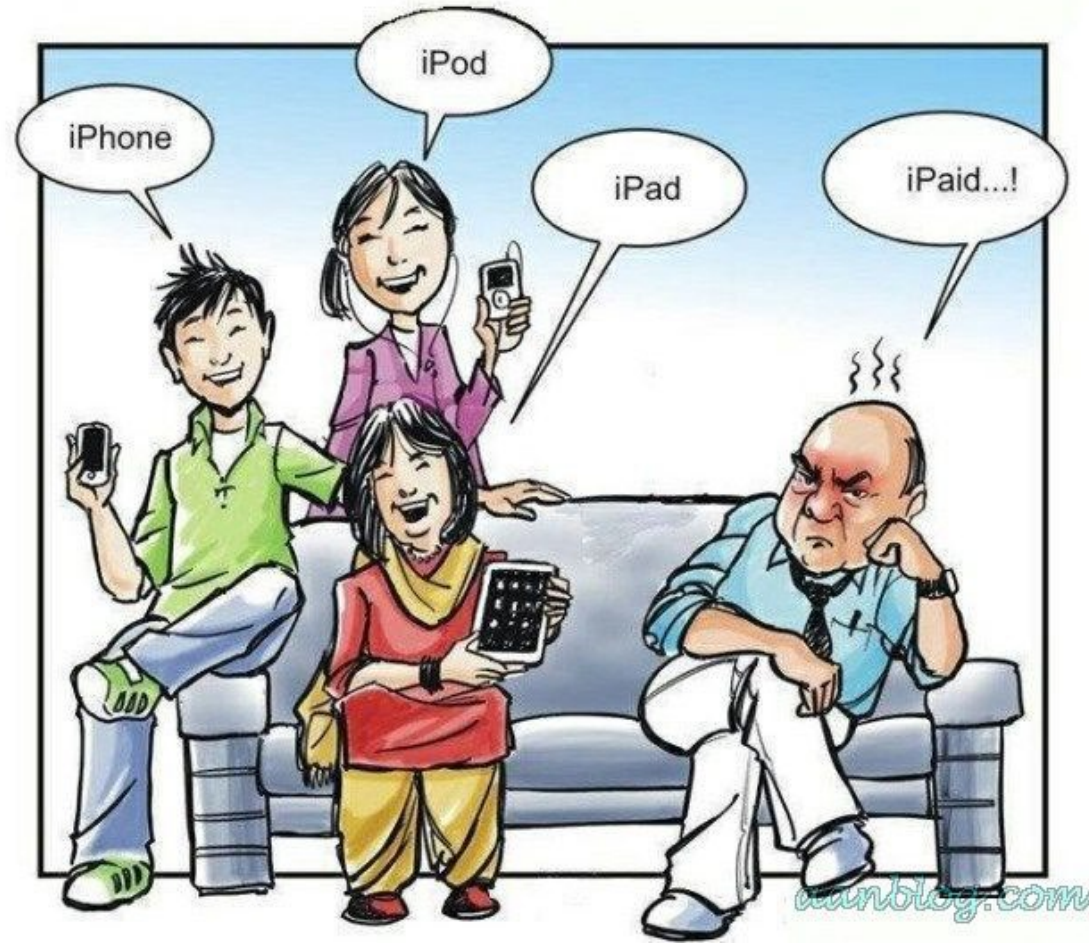
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- ▶ **Communication Style.** → **Method and Medium**
(verbal, non-verbal, written, and visual)
(face-face, letter/text, integrated)



What is the best method and medium for communication in your family?





**SEEK TO
UNDERSTAND
THAN TO BE
UNDERSTOOD!**

Communication in the Trenches

Relational Triangles



Communication 101

- † Rooted in God's Truth.
- † Intentional Listening.
- † Reflective Questioning.
- † Clarify Definitions.
- † Avoid Monologs.
- † Look for Patterns.
- † More Time Later.

Where do we go from here?

Truth Statements

Communication is key for family development.

Be intentional.

God has a plan!

Enjoy the ride.



Life is an adventure to be experienced, not a task to be completed.