THE GIFT OF VERBAL COMMUNICATION
VERBAL COMMUNICATION

- Its Origin
THE ORIGIN OF VERBAL COMMUNICATION

- It has always existed (John 1:1-3; Gen. 1:27)
1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.
Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
THE ORIGIN OF VERBAL COMMUNICATION

- It has always existed (John 1:1-3; Gen. 1:27)
- It was given to humanity at the beginning (Gen. 2:15-20)
15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”
18 Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” 19 Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.
23 Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”
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PROVERBS 18:21 (ESV)

21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.
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- Its Proper Use
  - With God
Is humble – Is. 66:1-2
1 Thus says the LORD: “Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest? 2 All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.
PROPER SPEECH TOWARD GOD

- Is humble – Is. 66:1-2
- Reflects His words to us – Ps. 27:7-9
7 Hear, O L ORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! 8 You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, L ORD, do I seek.” 9 Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!
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- Reflects His words to us – Ps. 27:7-9
- Is accompanied by proper deeds – Matt. 6:11-12
MATTHEW 6:11–12 (ESV)

11 Give us this day our daily bread, 12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
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- Reflects His words to us – Ps. 27:7-9
- Is accompanied by proper deeds – Matt. 6:11-12
- Can be confident when coming from His children - Heb. 10:19-22
19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.
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Is aided by Divine means – Rom. 8:26
26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.
VERBAL COMMUNICATION

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  - With God
  - With Man
PROPER SPEECH TOWARD MEN

- Is considered before speaking – Pr. 15:28
The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.
PROPER SPEECH TOWARD MEN

- Is considered before speaking – Pr. 15:28
- Builds up and gives grace – Eph. 4:29
29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.
PROPER SPEECH TOWARD MEN

- Is considered before speaking – Pr. 15:28
- Builds up and gives grace – Eph. 4:29
- Is beautiful and valuable – Pr. 25:11-12
A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprover to a listening ear.
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- Is considered before speaking – Pr. 15:28
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- Can produce faith – Rom. 10:17
17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
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- Is gentle and respectful – 1 Pet. 3:15
1 Peter 3:15 (ESV)

15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,
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  - Corrupt Speech
IMPROPER SPEECH

- Deceives – Col. 3:9-10
9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.
IMPROPER SPEECH

- Deceives – Col. 3:9-10
- Is profane – Matt. 5:33-37
33 “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ 34 But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.
IMPROPER SPEECH

- Deceives – Col. 3:9-10
- Is profane – Matt. 5:33-37
- Is vulgar – Eph. 5:4
EPHESIANS 5:4 (ESV)

4 Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.
IMPROPER SPEECH

- Deceives – Col. 3:9-10
- Is profane – Matt. 5:33-37
- Is vulgar – Eph. 5:4
- Stirs up strife – Prov. 15:1
1 A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
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- Reveals an improper heart – Matt. 12:33-35
33 “Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. 34 You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.
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OTHER COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS

- Not Listening – Ps. 81:8-13; Zech. 7:11-13
Psalm 81:8–13 (ESV)

8 Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to me! 9 There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god. 10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. 11 “But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me. 12 So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels. 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!
ZECHARIAH 7:11–13 (ESV)

11 But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears that they might not hear. 12 They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the LORD of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great anger came from the LORD of hosts. 13 “As I called, and they would not hear, so they called, and I would not hear,” says the LORD of hosts,
OTHER COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS

- Not Listening – Ps. 81:8-13; Zech. 7:11-13
- Not Talking – Is. 43:20-22
ISAIAH 43:20–22 (ESV)

20 The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, 21 the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise. 22 “Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel!
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Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.