



## BIBLICAL COMMUNICATION vs. UNBIBLICAL COMMUNICATION

*counsel • self-study • teaching • cell group • life*

**Compare the following lists. Which one best depicts how you tend to communicate?**

### **BIBLICAL COMMUNICATION**

1. Focus is to glorify God
2. Desire is to be conformed to the image of Christ through conflict
3. Disciplined: Speaks with the gentleness of Christ in spite of tension
4. Listens: Gathers information to better serve the other person
5. Works diligently to build intimacy with God and others
6. Implements Godly Power (Phil. 2:1-8)
  - Humility
  - Servanthood
  - Making self nothing
  - Obedience to God
7. Begins with acknowledging one's own faults
8. Speaks the truth in love
9. Emphasis is on understanding the deeper motives of the heart
10. Engages in prayer before confronting
11. Seeks biblical reconciliation (Confession, Repentance, Forgiveness, Luke 17:3-10)

### **UNBIBLICAL COMMUNICATION**

1. Focus is to glorify self
2. Attempts to conform others to one's personal desires through fighting
3. Impulsive emotionalism: Engages in yelling and inappropriate expressions of emotion in the midst of tension.
4. Listens: Simply waiting for ones turn to speak.
5. Works relentlessly to win arguments
6. Implements sinful power (Gal. 5:19-21)
  - Manipulation
  - Hateful speech
  - Self-seeking
  - Anger/intimidation
7. Begins with finding the faults of others
8. Hides the truth to avoid confrontation
9. Emphasis is on cosmetic techniques
10. Engages others before praying
11. Seeks to appease rather than reconcile (saying, "I'm sorry" simply to end the conflict).