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## Extraordinary Communication

There is a time and a season for everything: Ecc. 3: 7 – a time to speak and a time to keep silence

James 3:8-10 – 1:19-20: Be quick to listen and be slow to speak

Listening is how you build tremendous relationships

Pr. 25:11: Words spoken at the right time but the right person are extremely valuable

How do you know if you are a good listener?

Picture the leper in the OT – blood was placed in three spots:

- 1) The ear – listening - just b/c you pick up a sound doesn't mean you listened
- 2) The thumb – grasp what was said – do you understand what was said
- 3) The big toe – acting on what was said – the feet show if the ear and thumb got it

Tongue Suppressants are very helpful when it comes to men and women's listening abilities

4 Golden Apples of communication:

- 1) Use a picture example – Nathan the prophet spoke to David about the sheep
- 2) Pick the place and the time to communicate
- 3) Start by levels – like an airplane – 5000 feet – casual – 10000 feet – contemplative  
Cruising altitude – confrontive

- 4) Choose your words carefully –

Every relationship in your life is either being build or destroyed by your words