

# A Communication Problem?

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-Rarely do we have communication problems

-We can all talk; at least most of us can

-The issue is typically not “I can’t talk.” The issue is typically “I won’t talk.”

-Poor communication is a symptom of a deeper problem (Tongue trouble is tied to the heart)

-If you want to have “good communication,” you must identify and isolate the root cause of the “bad communication.”

## I. ALL JUICED UP

1. All of us get “juiced up” about something (sports, fitness, soap-operas, vacations, money etc...)
2. If you are a “practical mute” the first thing you need to do is repent of your silence
3. WHY? Communication is God-like. God is a talking God.
4. Imagine if God copped an attitude and said: “I can talk but I have decided that I won’t.”
5. A non-talking God would lead to chaos. If you become a “mute” you will be creating chaos for yourself and others.
6. Because God is “juiced up” about communication, we should be too!

## II. WHY ARE WE MUTES?

1. Stubbornness – This is self-centered unwillingness
2. Apathy – Apathy is caused by hatred. It is not a “passive” or neutral attitude. It is selfish hate.
3. Anger – Anger is hate “acted out.” Anger is a spectrum behavior with murder being on the end. When you give someone the “silent treatment,” you are treating them like they do not exist.
4. Fear – Fear is a code-word for a person involved in self-absorbed thinking. It is a foundational sin that can be manifest in many ways. One of those ways is a sinful desire not to be exposed through communication.

5. Ignorance - A person may be willfully ignorant of God's ways. It has not occurred to him/her that lack of communication is a destructive thing
6. Arrogance – The code word here is self-righteousness. This person has a “greater-than” attitude.
7. Lazy – Moving toward relationship is hard work

### III. A NOTE TO THE TALKER

\*How is your heart right now?

\* Are you tempted to think of someone you know who is a “mute”

1. The best way to help communication is by speaking like God would do
2. Find a way to share your heart with real and practical observations
3. God communicates with “truth in love.”
4. God does not nag
5. God does not yell
6. God is not arrogant, stubborn, fearful, angry, or apathetic.