

# Having Effective Communication In Relationships

By Mike Riley

Most of us know that good communication skills are essential in order to experience a happy marriage relationship, or any other kind of personal relationship. The famous poet Ogden Nash once wrote:

***“If you want your marriage to sizzle  
With love in the loving cup,  
Whenever you’re wrong, admit it;  
Whenever you’re right, shut up!”***

Folks, not only is there great wisdom in that four-liner, there’s also a great truth that is supported by Scripture. Let’s look at these two simple guidelines.

**1)** If we are wrong in our decision making, or the choices that we make, we need to admit it up front. Not only marriage, but all relationships benefit from this kind of honesty (Prov 12:22; Rom 12:17; 2 Cor 8:21; Phil 4:8; 1 Pet 2:12). Protecting ourselves when we’re wrong makes any kind of resolution impossible.

**2)** On the other hand, we can be equally hard to live with if we insist that we’re always right — the idea that everything done should be done “my way, or it’s the highway.”

We need not be afraid to admit that we are simply a fallible human being — capable of making mistakes — and sometimes, serious mistakes. Paul tells us in 1 Cor 13:4, that “[Love] does not parade itself, is not puffed up.”

No one likes to be around someone who always seems to be patting himself on the back. Let’s be willing to incorporate these two simple guidelines into our everyday living:

**1) Admit wrong** and **2) keep quiet about being right** (Luke 15:18,21); Prov 17:28; cf. Prov 10:19; Prov 11:12; Prov 13:3).

Folks, it’s just a common sense way of keeping our relationships strong — both with our fellowman and with our God.



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

9/18/22

# Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshipping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

## Elders:

Todd Chapman  
Paul Simpson

## Deacons:

Wayne Fowler David Garris  
Billy Granger Buddy Hollis

## Preacher:

Don Delukie

## Those to Serve Today

**Announcements-** Travis Rodgers **Lord's Table-** Wayne Fowler  
**Opening prayer-** Todd Chapman **Closing Prayer-** Lyle Russell

September 25th

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**Opening prayer-** Wayne Fowler **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller

## Announcements

—**Question & Answer Series: October 2nd** will be our next Question and Answer Series. Please submit your questions via the church email address SCOC2006@att.net or to Don.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our kids classes are collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection baskets are by the nursery. The list of needed items is in the foyer. Please help our kids help others!

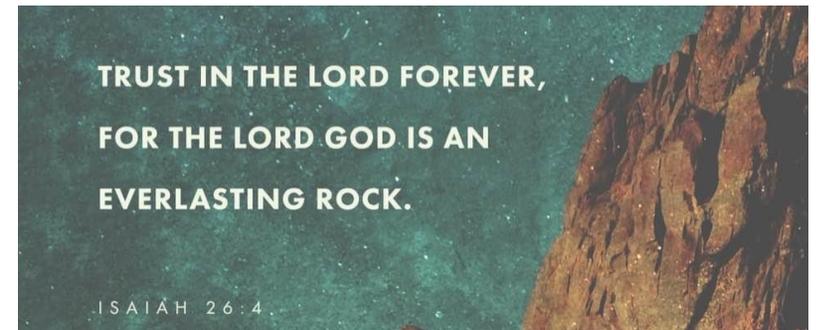
# Please Pray For:

Tommy & Glenda Wells, Caroline Jones, Leigh Ann Armstrong, Adrain Barnes, Bobby Simmons, John McDaniel, Vee Boren, Theresa Moody, Billy Granger, Joanna Quincy, Renita Thomas, Gracie Aaron, Benny Freeman.

**Bereaved:** Families of Charlie White, Donald Pennington, Eloise Smith, Johnny Keen, Andy McBroom.

# Continue to Pray For:

Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Roosevelt Rogers, Cindy Eaton, Tricia Muse, Donna Head, Debra Mike, Virginia Royal, Elizabeth Hollis, Cyndi Powell, Heath Ray, Terrance Dawson, Ann Bolden, Jamie Ross, Charlie McDaniel Jr, Lewis Bedele, Adam White.



## September Birthdays

1 - Todd Chapman  
9 - Carlon Hollis  
17 - Sherry Miller  
18 - Wanda Simpson  
19 - Linda Herlong  
22 - Jodie Chisley  
27 - Shirley Goodwin

## September Anniversaries

5 - Matt and Danielle Scharf  
25 - Lyle and Miriam Russell

