

Grace Church Communication Commitment

The purpose of this commitment is to foster a Biblical and healthy culture at Grace Church, where individuals can be assured that members of Grace each commit to speaking truth in love by fulfilling these promises, to ultimately foster unity within the Body of Christ and reflect Christ within our church and within our communities (including our online communities).

I make this commitment for God's glory and with the desire that I grow in Christlikeness. I pray that as a result of this Commitment, unity within the Body of Christ at Grace Church will abound.

Father, because of Christ, You no longer require that I bring You the sacrifices of animals (Ephesians 5:1-2). So out of my love for You, I shall bring you something more costly-the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart (Psalm 19:14). Help me bring to You the sacrifice of "the fruit of my lips" (Hosea 14:2, Hebrews 13:15)

By the power of the Holy Spirit, I will strive to fulfill the following:

1. You can take my words at face value. You don't have to read between the lines. I will not "drop hints" or make you second-guess what I'm saying.
2. If there is a problem between us, I will tell you. You don't have to wonder. You can trust that I will be honest with you.
3. I will not give you sensitive information about anyone else without his or her permission.
4. I will not listen to hurtful information about you if someone else is speaking it.
5. You can come to me when I have wronged you. Please do it with gentleness and when you do, I will strive to be gracious.
6. I will not give information about you to someone else, except words that are true AND words that will build you up*.
7. If you have also signed this Communication Commitment, you have permission to hold me accountable to these standards.

If this information reveals someone is in danger, or a **danger to themselves or others; or if the unity of the Church Body is jeopardized, then confidentiality may not be possible. I will **first** encourage you to seek wise counsel and will offer my support to help ensure the safety of all. **However**, if you do not take godly action, and if applying reasonable judgment and the danger remains, I may do so on your behalf. I will, however, seek to involve you at every appropriate step in the process as we seek a Biblical outcome.*

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”

Ephesians 4:29

**“We will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ,
Who is the head of this body, the church.”
Ephesians 4:15**

Name:

Date:

Signature:

This commitment is built upon other scriptures including Psalm 15:2-4, 1 Timothy 6:11, 2 Timothy 4:2 and James 1:19, 26