

How to Listen on the Right Wave Length (The Listening Test)

He who answers before listening- that is his folly and his shame (Prov. 18:13)

I have no one else like him (Timothy), who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 2:20, 21)

1. _____ - Speaking the truth in _____ (Ephesians 4:15)

1) Doesn't have to be Negative---- *"It would _____ me so much if.."*

2) In many marriages, At least ONE mate has NEVER BEEN honest.

2. Listening Test:

If I hear your _____, (Mate's name)

1) What you are _____ is

2) The _____ WHY you WANT TO DO this is

3) Your _____ are (Why you feel this way)

One of your TOP Passions may well be:

" _____,"

" _____,"

" _____" or

" _____"

- For all three the Listener needs to say *"Is there _____?"*
- They may very often need to also say *"Please _____ me."*

3. LISTENING immediately _____ all arguments!

1. *The purposes of a man's heart are deep waters, but a man of understanding draws them out. (Prov. 20:5)*
2. *Gold there is, and rubies in abundance, but lips that speak knowledge are a rare jewel. (Prov. 20:15)*
3. *Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. (Prov. 16:24)*
4. *The heart of the righteous weighs its answers, but the mouth of the wicked gushes evil. (Prov. 15:28)*
5. *A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions. (Prov. 18:2)*
6. *Every prudent man acts out of knowledge, but a fool exposes his folly. (Prov. 13:16)*
7. *The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of fools is deception. (Prov. 14:8)*
8. *Wisdom reposes in the heart of the discerning (Prov. 14:33)*
9. *The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly. (Prov. 15:14)*
10. *A man finds joy in giving an apt reply- and how good is a timely word! (Prov. 15:23)*
11. *The fear of the LORD teaches a man wisdom, and humility comes before honor. (Prov. 15:33)*
12. *Understanding is a fountain of life to those who have it, but folly brings punishment to fools. (Prov. 16:22)*
13. *By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. (Prov. 24:3,4)*
14. *The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but a perverse tongue will be cut out. (Prov. 10: 31)*

Conclusion:

Are you going to be a “_____ of _____” and draw out the deep waters of your mate’s heart?

Couple Sharing

1. Choose a troublesome area in your relationship where you feel that you are not completely understood or that causes friction over and over. Do the Listening Test on it THIS WEEK – set a time!
2. Read and discuss together how the 14 Proverbs relate to the Listening Test.