

You Still Need to be Able to Communicate in the Kingdom

Although being a citizen in the Kingdom means that our focus is on the Spirit and spirituality, inter-relational communication is essential for sons to relate to each other and for them to reach those outside of the Kingdom. It's not about super-spirituality, it's about being 'naturally supernatural'.

To help understand this shift in emphasis from the spiritual, let me share a few keys for understanding how to communicate more effectively from the notes in one of my vocation education units.¹



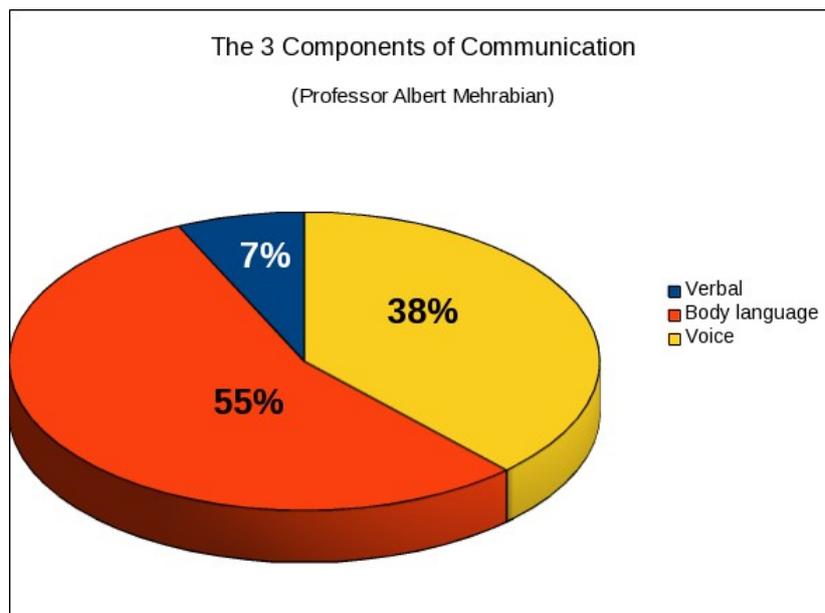
Oral Communication

There are 3 components of spoken communication:

1. **Verbal** – What is spoken
2. **Voice** – How it's spoken
3. **Body language** – What your body is doing as you express your communication

Voice includes the tone, pitch and pacing of the speaker's voice. Additional messaging through body language is conveyed through facial expressions, postures and gestures. Verbal contains the facts, but this is greatly influenced by the other two.

Professor Albert Mehrabian² has produced a pie chart³ (below) which shows how influential a person's voice and body language are in face-to-face communication.



For verbal messages to be effective they must:

1. Be brief, succinct, and organized,
2. Be free of unknown jargon, &
3. Not create resistance in the listener.

NOTE: If there is any resistance to the message, some or all of it may not get through.

1 – ICTICT202 - Work and communicate effectively in an ICT environment

2 – en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albert_Mehrabian

3 – www.toolshero.com/communication-skills/communication-model-mehrabian

There are 7C's for the effective communication of a message:

1. **Completeness** – It must contain all that is required.
2. **Conciseness** – It must not be too long as some information will be lost with increased length.
3. **Consideration** – The listener, circumstance and local environment must be taken into account.
4. **Clarity** – It must be clear so that it is fully understood.
5. **Concreteness** – It must come together as a single message, not unrelated bits and pieces.
6. **Courtesy** – It must be given in a good manner so that it is accepted.
7. **Correctness** – It must be accurate (correct) in it's intent and also politically correct.

Active Listening

It is just as important to listen carefully as it is to speak correctly.

Here are some tips:

- Interface with the speaker – *look them kindly in the eye as you listen*
- Concentrate on what is being said by giving the speaker your full attention
- Show interest through your body language and facial expressions
- Listen with empathy – *show that you desire to hear what they are saying*
- Be enthusiastic, responsive and kind
- Concentrate on the person, the words spoken and don't be distracted
- Don't block your listening because of bias or prejudice
- Encourage the speaker by asking appropriate questions
- Summarize what you have heard – *paraphrase to check for understanding*
- Explain what you will do in response to what was said
- Take notes if needed – *let them know before you begin note-taking*

IMPORTANT: Don't think about how you'll respond while someone is talking to you

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There you have it. If you want to communicate effectively with others, you have to speak appropriately and listen properly.

The Spirit has no control over our oral communication because we've been given control of ourselves by our Creator. This is part of our privilege and responsibility as a human being. We are the pinnacle of God's creation and his personal representatives on the planet. Therefore, we must communicate properly as part of our assignments for Heaven on the Earth.

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