IMPLEMENTATION OF the LAST SIX Commandments of God

Commandment of God	How it is implemented in a Christian's life.
"Honor your father and your mother."	Christian 5 mc.
"You shall not murder."	
"You shall not commit adultery."	
"You shall not steal."	
"You shall not bear false witness."	
"You shall not covet."	

God Is Love

(I John 4:8,16)

Love of God and Fellow Man is keeping God's Commandments.

(I John 5.1 9. 9 John 5.6 Matthews 99.40)

The First and Greatest Commandment!

"Love God with all your heart, soul and mind."

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The Second Commandment!

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

The Ten Commandments

(Evodus 20: Deuteronomy 5)

- 1. "You shall have no other gods before Me."
- 2. "You shall not worship any graven images."
- 3. "You shall not take the name of the Eternal your God in vain."
- 4. "Remember the Sabbath day to

- 5. "Honor your father and your mother."
- 6. "You shall not murder."
- 7. "You shall not commit adultery."
- 8. "You shall not steal."
- 9. "You shall not bear false

Linked because Covetousness Is Idolatry.

(Colossians 3:5, Ephesians 5:5)

Therefore Love Is the Fulfilling of the Law AND

The Foundation of all Healthy Relationships

(Deuteronomy 5:29; Matthew 5:17-48; Romans 13:10; I Timothy 1:5)

RELATE: Hospitality and Love

Ancient Customs of Hospitality

- Genesis 18: 1~ 8
- Hebrews 13:2
- Matthew 25 31~40

Hospitality In Church

No Partiality

• James 2:1~9

Receive Brethren With Love

- Romans 14
- 1 Corinthians 8
- 1 Peter 1:8~10

Hospitality Beyond Church

- Luke 6:27~35
- Infuse Detroit Urban Gardening Video

Hospitality is Love

• 1 Corinthians 13

Communication and Understanding

Some barriers to communication

How we speak

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Differences in language

Figures of speech

Ethnic related; A mixture of different languages.

A Pennsylvania Dutch saying like: All that baby does is rootsh (crawl or squirm

Age related; Phrases that mean something different to different generations.

Heavy could mean something weighs a lot, or it could mean that something is bad.

Words for things that differ regionally.

In the U.S. they are called Retirees or Senior Citizens. In the U.K. they are called Pensioneers.

How we listen

Listening as opposed to waiting to speak

Hearing what we want to hear

Giving full attention

We are probably aware of most, if not all of these barriers, but there is one barrier that we may not think about that affects every one of us. It is the subtle barrier that exists between men and women.

There are very real physical differences in our brains

It can and does affect relationships because of misinterpretation

It can often result in hurt feelings

It can lead to misunderstandings

How are our brains different?

The male brain is larger than the female brain

Size doesn't matter here because the female brain has more neural pathways between the two halves that allow her to access more of her brain

This means that generally speaking men:

Are more singularly focused

Are better at working out spatial problems

Do not have as vivid a memory (sometimes a good thing, sometimes not).

This means that generally speaking women:

Are able to effectively multitask

Have superior verbal skills

Have a vivid memory (again, sometimes a good thing, sometimes not).

Have an eye for detail

What does this mean for communication?

Let us examine three problem areas and see if we can't find ways to improve them.

Men and women communicate differently.

7% of communication is in the language we use

38% is in how we speak; Accent, emphasis, expression, pace, etc.

55% is body language; Posture, eye contact, facial expression, gestures, etc.

Men find it more difficult to decode nonverbal expressions than women do.

Men have particular difficulty when those nonverbal expressions are on a female face.

Women tend to use a lot of these nonverbal signs to communicate

This can lead to:

Women feeling that men aren't listening

Women feeling their needs are being ignored

Men feeling exasperated that she is frustrated with him for no apparent reason What can be done to alleviate this barrier?

Women need to realize that men have this shortcoming and try to clearly say what they mean.

Men need to be aware women communicate differently and try to be sensitive to nonverbal cues.

Men and women solve problems differently.

For a man the goal is to solve the problem

For a woman the goal is to solve the problem, and build stronger relationships while she is doing it.

This can cause:

Frustration for the man, because for him, relationships are peripheral to the goal of solving the problem, and therefore, an unnecessary distraction. In addition once the problem is solved they feel that there is no longer further need to discuss it.

Frustration for the woman because relationship building is just as important as solving the problem. Once the problem is solved talking about it enhances the solved problem because of the relationship.

What can be done to ease the frustration?

Maybe it is not such a bad thing to solve the problem and strengthen the relationship. Be aware of our differences and sensitive to the approach of your partner.

Men and women react to, and handle stress differently.

Studies show higher levels of stress in women.

The part of the woman's brain that handles the decision making process and emotional response is more developed than the man's.

She experiences unpleasant situations in greater and more precise detail and remembers it better.

She reaches out to others for support

The man's brain encourages a solution based response

He experiences unpleasant situations as a problem to be solved and has an easier time "putting it aside" than she does

He has more of a tendency to "go it alone"

Men and women worry about different things

Men worry about work or job

Women worry about family

This leads to:

A misconception that the partner is adding to the stress, because of different priorities in approach

A misconception that the manner in which the partner is coping with the problem is not the best or most constructive approach

A misconception that my partner doesn't care about my problem What is the solution here?

Once again it is important to understand that there are differences of approach here and know what they are

Differences of approach do not mean one is the correct approach and the other is not Both approaches have advantages and disadvantages; concentrate on the advantages both have to offer

Be sensitive to the fact that your partners approach is not necessarily a choice, but a response based on how they are made

It seems apparent that God meant what He said in Gen 2:18

¹⁸ And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

I like how The Bible Knowledge Commentary describes this: Genesis 2:18-25

God decided to **make a helper suitable** (lit., "a helper corresponding to him," or "a corresponding helper") **for** the man (v. <u>18</u>). "Helper" is not a demeaning term; it is often used in Scripture to describe God Almighty (e.g., <u>Ps 33:20; 70:5; 115:9</u>, where it is trans. "help" in the NIV). The description of her as "corresponding to him" means basically that what was said about him in <u>Gen 2:7</u> was also true of her. They both had the same nature. But what man lacked (his aloneness was not good) she supplied, and what she lacked he supplied. **The culmination was one flesh** (v. <u>24</u>) - the complete unity of man and woman in marriage.

It is obvious that God made us different in some ways one from another. Instead of allowing these differences to become barriers to effective communication we need to use the differences God gave to us to strengthen one another. To make us more effective communicators and people by allowing our partner to provide what we lack. The brain never stops learning and developing so it is never too late to change. In fact you may find yourself starting to think like your partner at times and this can be a great advantage in coping with problems, handling stress, and being a more effective communicator.

Relationship - Forgiveness

Forgiveness is the Pinnacle of Love (Total Deliver will take approx 45 mins)

(My presentation will begin with a display of forgiveness in action approx 5 min)

It is impossible for two people, family, organizations or countries to relate to each other in a positive and productive way over a period of time without forgiveness.

It is impossible to obtain salvation without forgiveness. Forgiveness is Christianity in action and the lack of exercising forgiveness is usually a sin of omission (meaning it is something we neglect to do).

Forgiveness

(From Forerunner Commentary)

Forgiveness is one of the chief characteristics we must have if we are to become literal children of God in His Kingdom. God has positions of teaching and authority prepared for us (John 14:2; Revelation 5:10). Because these positions come with great power, we must have a heart ready and willing to forgive and forget mistakes. Those coming out of the Great Tribulation will make many mistakes, just as we have in coming out of this world. We will need to have a nature willing to encourage and forgive.

Micah 7:18 Establishes forgiveness as one of God's unique characteristics.

7:18 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.

7:19 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

John O. Reid

Forgiveness

We can learn several principles from the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant: (Matt 18:23)

- 1. Our sins are great.
- 2. God abundantly forgives.
- 3. Offenses committed against us are comparatively small.

- 4. We should abundantly forgive as our Master does.
- 5. If we do not, God will be justly angry and punish us.

We have nothing to pay toward our indebtedness. Therefore, God's forgiveness of our sins is nothing less than a gift, one that rests on the foundation of the finished work of Jesus Christ. Because Christ died to pay the penalty for sin, God can wipe clean the record of our spiritual indebtedness and establish a relationship with us.

Martin G. Collins

Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

Yashua leads us by example, he expects us to follow his example of Forgiveness. It is a critical component to build our relationships.

Close Personal Relationships (The Good, The Bad and The Ugly)

Good

Being a parent, child, sibling or spouse can really awaken you to the necessity for forgiveness in a close relationship.

These relationships are generally relationship many people hold as special treasures and as a result we have a tendency to overlook many flaws and faults with these individuals. (Joke, I wish I had a family like that)

Bad

Since these people are so close to us we are able to see much more of their faults and can be intimately familiar with their imperfections. Conversely we can also have a tendency to be LESS forgiving to our family members. Our familiarity with them causes us to focus on their flaws and imperfections, thereby mentally multiplying them in our own minds. (Joke, It got really quite in here)

Ugly

A member of a church congregation I frequently attend, recently got up during the testimonial period of Sabbath service to pour out her heart to the congregation. She informed us she was repeatedly molested by a family member for years. It lead to many problems in her life as an adult. The way she began to break the trauma placed upon her was by forgiving the individual. The message she wanted to pass on to the congregation was how essential it was for her to forgive the individual. It allowed her to release the anger and reclaim her joy.

Genesis 50:17-20 (The story of Joseph's forgiveness of his brothers)

In many instances forgiveness can be a catalyst for positive growth in a relationship. Establishing a forgiving mentality allows us to be insulated by many of the provocations the enemy uses. This enables us to prevent many of the avenues that may have been used to attack and provoke us. Forgiveness cannot be abused or exhausted (Exodus 10:17)

Conclusion

Watch your Thoughts; They become Words. Watch your Words; They become Actions. Watch your Actions; They become Habits. Watch your Habits; They become Character. What your Character; It Becomes Your DESTINY (A quote attributed to Frank Outlaw)

We have to think forgiveness

We have to speak forgiveness (James 1:26 If any man **THINKETH** himself to be religious, while he bridleth not his tongue but deceiveth his heart, this man's religion is vain.)

We have to actively forgive

We have to habitually forgive (Luke 17:4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him)

We have to have a character of forgiveness, this is the very nature and inclination of our Reedemer.

If we do these six things we will be forgiven and have an eternal relationship with Elohim.

Matther 23:23

1 John 3:4

Isiah 59:

Psalm 51:

Psalm 58:3