

Families on the Edge 3

EROSION CONTROL – Maintaining Good Communication

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Proverbs 13:17 (TLB)

17 An unreliable messenger can cause a lot of trouble. Reliable communication permits progress.

THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT WORDS

1. WORDS HAVE POWER

Proverbs 18:21 (CEV)

21 Words can bring death or life! Talk too much, and you will eat everything you say.

2. WORDS ARE CREATIVE

Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV)

3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

3. WORDS HAVE MEANING

Ephesians 4:29 (KJV)

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Metamessage

Hebrews 1:1-2 (CEV)

1 Long ago in many ways and at many times God's prophets spoke his message to our ancestors. 2 But now at last, God sent his Son to bring his message to us. God created the universe by his Son, and everything will

someday belong to the Son.

The metamessage not so much what we say but how and when we say it that matters.

Indirectness

Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)

15 Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

People don't say exactly what they mean because they people aren't only concerned with the ideas and thoughts they are expressing but the impact of their words on others.

Framing

Proverbs 25:11 (NKJV)

11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold In settings of silver.

Framing is how we reveal what we mean by what we say or do while perceiving what others mean by what they say and do.