SERIES: TO SEEK & TO SAVE THE FAMILY

"Communicate or Disintegrate" (I Peter 2:21-24; 3:1, 7-8)

I. THE POWER OF COMMUNICATION (I PETER 2:21-24; 3:1, 7-8)

A. THE FRIVOLOUS LEVEL – It is light-hearted.
B. THE FACTUAL LEVEL – You talk about facts.
C. THE FELLOWSHIP LEVEL – Sharing ideas, thoughts and ambitions.
D. THE FEELING LEVEL – We bare our soul.
E. THE FREEDOM LEVEL – There's nothing you feel you have to hold back.

Proverbs 18:21, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue. . ."

II. THE PROBLEMS IN COMMUNICATION

A. LACK OF UNDERSTANDING (I PETER 3:1-4, 7)
B. BITTERNESS (I PETER 2:23)

Hebrews 12:15, "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;"

Ephesians 4:26, "Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:"

C. SELF-CENTEREDNESS (I PETER 2:24)

Philippians 2:6-7, "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:"

D. LACK OF INTEREST OR DISTRACTIONS (I PETER 2:25)
E. PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS (I PETER 3:8)
F. INSECURITY
G. BUSINESS (I PETER 3:10-11)

III. PRACTICES IN COMMUNICATION

A. MEN NEED TO BE MORE SENSITIVE TO THEIR WIVES (I PETER 3:7)
B. SPOUSES NEED TO GET ALONE WITH GOD AND DEAL WITH THEIR EGO (I PETER 3:8)
C. OVERLOOK ONE ANOTHER'S FAULTS AND TAKE THE INITIATIVE (I PETER 3:9-10)
D. PLAN FOR COMMUNICATION (I PETER 3:11)

SERMON NOTES & PRAYER REQUESTS