



## What's The Point?

I've gotta tell you. I was shocked, once again, the other day, when I realized that the person to whom I was speaking didn't react to what I had just said. It was like he didn't hear me at all. I have noticed that many people don't get the main point of a conversation no matter how I try to say it. That's right! I'm amazed at how muted words are now-a-days. If I say, "I love you" to someone, he or she might start talking about the weather. If I say, "When are we getting together," a similar response will be had. What's up? I think I know. It's because of today's lackadaisical responses to accepting responsibility. There's a "no one's in charge" sorta attitude, you know, the one that says, "no



one tells me what to do" floating around. It's actually been floating around for years, but now, it seems to be falling closer to the ground!

My hope is that you can relate, even somewhat, to a problem that causes people to stop prospering in the Word. If someone doesn't receive what you have to say, of course, that causes them to not prosper in your relationship. But if a person doesn't get what the Word of God has to say, the consequences are far greater. Let's look at some examples from the Word. From

this, perhaps you'll be able to tell if even you have a problem with this aspect of communication.

**Wives are supposed to submit to their husbands:**

*Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Ephesians 5:22-24*

How do you perceive this? Today, many wives have a most difficult time putting their hearts into this at all. But, whether a person perceives or doesn't perceive this makes no

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difference to the Word of God. The Word doesn't change, and It won't ever change. The main point is, "wives are supposed to submit to their husbands just like they submit to the Lord Jesus Christ. Here's a fact; if a wife doesn't submit to her husband, she doesn't submit to the Lord. You can take that one to the bank. I've seen many women who believe that they have been "ordained" of God for some sort of Christian work. ***I've seen these same women refuse to submit to their husbands. Something's wrong, don't you think?*** I sure do. You see, all this women's liberation stuff has caused those who should be confronting such actions to become afraid to say anything. ***It's far better to stand upon God's Word than upon drifting tides of uncertainty such as strange doctrines that contradict God's***

## ***Word!***

Husbands are supposed to love their wives:

***Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; Ephesians 5:25***

How do you perceive this?

***Many husbands don't really love their wives like the Word says they should.*** They have outward

expressions of love, but they don't take it to the level it should go.

Just as Christ gave himself for the Church, so should a man love his wife. That's the main point.

Here's a fact; if a husband doesn't love his wife like Christ loved the Church, he hasn't accepted the love the Lord showed him. I get a real kick out of men who have outward shows of "spirituality," but don't show their wives love. You tell me just how spiritual these men really are.

A Christian is not to be given to wine:

***Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; 1 Timothy 3:3***

How do you perceive this? Many people today are given to wine [this refers to alcohol]. Yes, this includes Christians too. I'm not condemning or condoning the use of alcohol. ***I believe the choice to drink is an individual one.*** But the main point of this phrase is; you are to be quite conservative in your use of wine or alcohol. Here's a fact; if a Christian is given to alcohol, he doesn't get the main point, which is – don't do it! How many so-called spiritual leaders do you know drink to excess? ***There are a few, orthodox, Christian religions whose priests are well-known for drinking to***

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*excess.* I'm not sure I'd like to trust my spiritual welfare to them. What about you?

A Christian is not supposed to be greedy of money:

Not given to wine, no striker,  
not greedy of filthy lucre;  
but patient, not a brawler,  
not covetous; 1 Timothy 3:3

How do you perceive this? Most Christians fight against the Biblical request to share, with the Church, of their financial and material abundance. *They certainly do eek out some pennies for the coffer,* but when it comes to the New Testament teaching of Abundant Sharing, forget it. It's simply not there. Why is this? Perhaps because of all the incorrect teachings of financial and material giving today? After all, most of what you hear in the Churches is on the tithe. Try to find that word in the New Testament! What's the

main point? Stop being greedy! Here's a fact; money can make you serve it, and if you are serving money, you are not serving the Lord! Yet, how many wealthy people are considered spiritual?

Christians are supposed to be the most forgiving people on Earth:

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32

How do you perceive this? Have you ever heard the old saying, "to forgive is to forget?" Well, I don't believe that's the whole truth. Sometimes, you can't forget certain things, especially if they were really bad, but you can forgive. There's a big difference. *I believe the main issue with forgiveness is "trust."* While it's easy to forgive someone, it may be impossible to trust them again. If

you keep the issues separate, you will find it easier to forgive. Then you can work on the trust aspect after you forgive. *How many of you have experienced a divorce and you absolutely believe you wouldn't be able to trust your ex-spouse with anything, ever again because of his or her past?* Yet, you have forgiven that person for the hurt he or she brought into your life? The main point is, "forgive someone if they have wronged you." Here's a fact; if you can't forgive people, you haven't accepted the truth that God for Christ's sake has forgiven you – and *you* still hurt inside.

There are so many other examples I could provide, but I'm going to stop there. When you are listening to your next conversation, ask yourself if you are getting the main point. When you read the Word the next time, are you getting the

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main point God is trying to teach you? You really can change this problem [or what you need to change according to God's Word] if you want to. *You really can control your mind and focus on what the person just said, on what you just read, or with what you just saw.* You can even respond to the main point if you choose to.

If someone asked you, "would you like to get together," answer them right then and there. Don't beat around the bush and not get to the main point. If the Word says, "husbands love your wives," don't beat around the bush. Start loving your wife. If the Word says, "wives, submit to your husbands," don't keep denying the reality of this. Instead, let him lead, let him mature into what he should become in Christ. If you don't, you are the reason he isn't growing!

There are so many ways you can apply "getting the main point," but it really comes down to if you want to or not. God wants you to get the main point time and time again. Your spiritual successes in life depend on it. Your friendships depend on it. Your marriage depends on it, and even your business relations depend on it. Just how good are you at understanding the main point? I'd like to hear back from you on this. Did you get the main point of this teaching?

Love in Christ,

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