

Why do we have trouble listening?

Sin distorts our ability to listen...

1. Causing us to speak _____.
2. Causing us to _____ and give simplistic answers to complex questions.
3. Causing us to be _____.

“The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.”

Psalm 34:15-17

A Prerequisite of Listening: _____

“A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion.” Proverbs 18:2

fool =

- Humility is the _____ of listening.
- Humility empowers _____ in our listening.

patience = determined withholding of action _____

- Patience is _____.

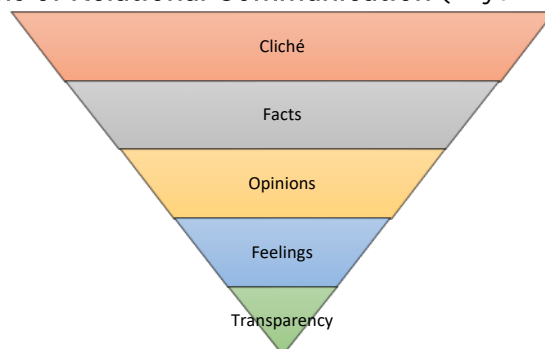
“Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;”
James 1:19

A Threat to Listening: _____

- Defensiveness _____ listening.

“The ear that listens to life-giving reproof will dwell among the wise. Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence.” Proverbs 15:31-32

Levels of Relational Communication (Bryan Loritts)



“Facts are a first and last resort in a court of law, but when it comes to human relationships, let us first stop and feel before we go to facts.”
Bryan Loritts

THIS WEEK – Assessing and expanding listening strategies