

Look at Proverbs 15:1-2. "A soft answer turns away wrath." To make that work takes self-control. "A harsh word stirs up anger." Harsh words aren't restrained. "The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly." The unrestrained tongue speaks first and checks the facts later. "But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness." A foolish person lets words come out uncontrollably.

When we use cross words to communicate with our children, we must remember how confusing it is. They are puzzled when we don't show the love we talk about. Restraint can end the cross word puzzle. --JDB

*When you communicate, use words
That heal and nourish life
Instead of hurling angry words
That wound and stir up strife. --Sper*

Sharp words can dull respect



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Cross Word Puzzle

A wrathful man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger allays contention. --Proverbs 15:18

What's a six-letter word for the way parents too often communicate with their children?

Try s-c-r-e-a-m.

Cross words so often fly between parents and children that children must surely be 'puzzled'. (the ultimate cross word puzzle)



After all, parents who love Jesus are supposed to be noted for their love. We are supposed to be controlled by the Holy Spirit. We are supposed to be able to control our cross words.

The book of Proverbs has some great words of wisdom for those who ask, "How do I stop yelling at my kids?" A nine-letter word holds the key: r-e-s-t-r-a-i-n-t.



Our Home

Parental Communication II

(1 Thessalonians 5:14) "Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all."

There are 9 forms of Biblical communication that is appropriate for us to use with our kids, for us to discuss:

1. E _____,



(2 Corinthians 1:3) "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,"

(1 John 2:1) "My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

(John 14:16) "'And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever;"

(Romans 15:4) "For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience

and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope."

(Romans 15:4) "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." [paraphrase]

2. C _____, Proverbs 10:17, 12:1, 13:18, 15:10,12, 9:7-9

(2 Timothy 3:16-17) "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, {17} that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."



3. R _____, Proverbs 13:1

(Exodus 20:7) "'You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain."



4. U _____, Proverbs 5:1-5, 7-9, 6:2—25, 1-5

(Romans 12:1-2) "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. {2} And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

(Romans 15:30) "Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me,"

(Romans 16:17) "Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them."

(1 Corinthians 1:10) "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

(1 Corinthians 4:16) "Therefore I urge you, imitate me."

(2 Corinthians 5:20) "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God."



5. I _____, Proverbs 1:8, 8:10, 19:20

(Ephesians 6:4) "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." [paraphrase]

(Psalms 119:98-100) "You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me. {99} I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation. {100} I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts."

