

# Say What?

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## The Timing

### Patience In Communication

#### MCWT Testimonies

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#### James 1:19 Be Ready to Listen...NOW!

<sup>19</sup>My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup>for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. <sup>21</sup>Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

- > hearing corresponds to *revelation* as a form of *appropriation*. > a gift
- > If I am wanting the revelation (akou) then I need to be in the place to receive it.
  - > Determined to hear what is said
  - > Be sure the timing gives the one communicating safety and value. **{HOW?}**
  - > Now I listen to receive, appropriate value(s) from my spouse.
  - > Now I hear and see what the Lord is doing in their life and mine.

#### Say What?

#### Gary Smalley on waiting for the right time..... (18:20-25:35)

- > What does Gary say makes us impatient in our listening?
- > How does judging another change the waiting timing on our conversations?



#### Testimony from last week's class

#### Matthew 7 Plank Extraction Sets the Stage for Godly Timing

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. <sup>2</sup>For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

<sup>3</sup>“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

- > Timing is not only the clock
- > Timing is also the attitude of the heart, emotions, spiritual maturity, and humility.
- > A servant's heart is ready when the master calls. Does He set your conversational timing?

## Matthew 18:15 Privacy is Key

<sup>15</sup>“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, *just between the two of you*. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. NIV

- > Privacy is key for any communication. Assume privacy before public
- > Women are more global and are attuned to the level of privacy that is needed. Men tend to just focus on the task.

Men need to cover and protect ALL conversations with his wife.

Wives need to respect his desire to “not shut her down” but to protect the conversation from moving to a place it was never intended to go.

Always realize protection on the timing is both of your responsibilities.

## Prov 15:23 When We Say It Matters Too!

A man finds joy in giving an apt reply— and how good is a timely word!

- >Focus on the response that you are receiving.
- >Your conversation, when set at the right time releases life and not death, a hope and a future.

## Prov 25:11 Awesome Timing

A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.

- > The key is that this picture is unimaginable, like the right word at the right time.
- > You are giving a gift of value as you speak. When is the best time to give that gift?

## Prov 18:2 Containment Releases Hearing and Truth

A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions.

- > You think that just “getting it out” is the answer, but in fact it leaves you empty.
- > True communication takes place in a setting that is free from absolute opinions.

## Ecclesiastes 3:9 Timing births Beauty

What does the worker gain from his toil? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the burden God has laid on men. <sup>11</sup>*He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men;* yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

- > When we are convinced that God’s timing is best, then eternity is released in our conversations.
- > When we are convinced that I need to get it done at any cost then we miss the eternal view. We have damaged lives and a limited vision.

## Timing Tips

### **T Test the Water**

Is your spouse ready to have a conversation in this area?

### **I Invest**

You have to have the right amount of time to invest into the communication

### **M Minister**

Think beyond the words, if they are truly from the overflow of the heart.

### **I Inquire**

Is this the right time/ place etc? Is it safe?

### **N No Negative**

Refuse to discuss anything if the timing is in the negative only.

### **G Grace**

Extend grace when passion for an idea etc gets in the way.