

**Northern Hills Community Church**  
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Principal #4: Communicate from the Heart  
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**1. THE FOUNDATION OF COMMUNICATION IS TRUST .**

*“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago don’t break your oath but keep your oath that you made to the Lord. But I tell you don’t swear at all. Either by heaven for it’s God’s throne or by earth for it’s His footstool or by Jerusalem for it’s the city of the great king. And don’t swear by your head for you can’t make even one hair black or white. Simply let your ‘yes’ be ‘yes,’ and your ‘no,’ ‘no’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.” Matthew 5:33-37*

**2. COMMUNICATION IS ALWAYS FROM THE HEART.**

*“For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.” Matthew 12:34*

*“Your souls aren’t harmed by what you eat, but by what you think and say!” Mark 7:15 (TLB)*

*“Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Matthew 6:31*

If I want to change the DIRECTION of my heart I have to change the LOCATION of my treasure.

**3. COMMUNICATION THAT MAKES A POSITIVE IMPACT IS HONEST.**

*“An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips” Proverbs 24:26*

*“... Speaking the truth in love...” Ephesians 4:15*

*“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs...” Ephesians 4:29*

*“Death and life are in the power of the tongue.” Proverbs 18:21*

**JESUS TAUGHT US HOW TO MAKE AN IMPACT WITH OUR COMMUNICATION:**

**1. Jesus TOUCHED those whom He healed.**

*“Jesus reached out and touched the man and said, ‘Of course I will. Be healed.’ And the leprosy left him instantly!” Luke 5:13 (TLB)*

*“As the sun went down that evening, all the villagers who had any sick people in their homes, no matter what their diseases were, brought them to Jesus; and the touch of His hands healed every one!” Luke 4:40 (TLB)*

**2. Jesus used QUESTIONS to challenge.**

*“Then He asked, ‘Who do you think I am?’ Peter replied, ‘You are the Messiah.’” Mark 8:29 (TLB)*

*“As He was starting out on a trip, a man came running to Him and knelt down and asked, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to get to heaven?’ ‘Why do you call Me good?’ Jesus asked. ‘Only God is truly good!’” Mark 10:17-18 (TLB)*

*“After breakfast Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these others?’ ‘Yes,’ Peter replied, ‘You know I am Your friend.’ ‘Then feed my lambs,’ Jesus told him.’ John 21:15 (TLB)*

**3. Jesus used PICTURES to communicate new truth.**

*“Jesus replied, ‘With all the earnestness I possess I tell you this: Unless you are born again, you can never get into the Kingdom of God.’” John 3:3 (TLB)*