

Communications

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The Privilege of Communication



*Communication – in my today's world,
I cannot live without communication!!*

Since I am a stay-at-home daughter, caring for my mother, it is rare I leave my home for a long period of time. What I once dreaded (going to the grocery store), is an event I look forward to!! I slowly go up and down the aisles to be certain I do not miss something new!

We go through seasons of life that are a breeze and other seasons that are stormy. Since I am in a season of mixed emotions caring for my mother, my husband and trying to have "a life" ... *communication with the outside world and friends are so cherished.*



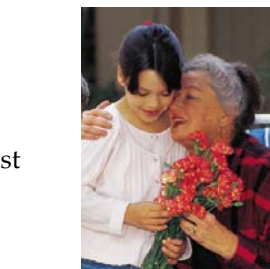
Mother and I have been going through old jewelry, pictures and letters written by her mother and sister trying to jog her memory. Some days are good and other days not so good. Her communication skills with words and sentences become a chore. Her hearing and eyesight have greatly diminished. *It now becomes a privilege for me to read the paper, mail and Bible to my mother.*

*So as we go through daily living – remember one thing –
it is a privilege to communicate with one another.*

At your next American Baptist Women's Ministries' meeting, circle gathering or just with friends, try the following styles of communication:



- ⇒ *Listening*
- ⇒ *Listen with your eyes as well as your ears*
- ⇒ *Show enthusiasm to be with them*
- ⇒ *Have a smile ready*
- ⇒ *Hugs are acceptable*



If a woman in your gathering is missing due to illness or a personal situation, lift her up by doing the following – and more than one time!



- ⇒ *Send her a note of encouragement by email or by mail*
- ⇒ *Phone calls are great*
- ⇒ *Pray daily*
- ⇒ *Drop off some cookies or take a care package*



*“Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends,
for it is one of God’s best gifts. It involves many things,
above all, the power of going out of one’s self and appreciating
whatever is noble and loving in another.”*



Written by Thomas Hughes

May we communicate as written in Hebrews 13:5: “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”
How Christ-like!