

# for Parents

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## Exercising our Partnership, Part 2

*Principles for Biblical communication*

Cornerstone Christian Academy's mission statement begins "Cornerstone Christian Academy is a covenantal and classical Christian school which partners with the Christian home..." As the school board has been reflecting on CCA's unique mission, it is clear that we need to focus on what we mean by the word "partner."

When either school or home needs to communicate about a child's needs or behavior, there are potential emotional pitfalls on each side. Neither school nor home want to appear to be negligent. Sometimes simply stating an observation is interpreted as a threat, and defensiveness clouds communication on both sides.

Here are a few Biblical principles to aid in our successful communication.

1. Keep the conversation to your own child's situation without unnecessarily commenting on other families.  
"Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, **what is that to thee?** follow thou me." John 21:21-22.
2. Do not leave a situation unresolved. Make an appointment to hear each other out as soon as possible.  
"Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; **first be reconciled to thy brother**, and then come and offer thy gift." Matthew 5:23-24.
3. Take concerns directly to the person most responsible for the situation or individual.  
"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, **go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone**: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother." Matthew 18:15.

While this is not an exhaustive list of communication principles, these are a vital starting point if we want our communication to be pleasing to the Lord, as is befitting in a school called by His name.

*Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*

*Amos 3:3*