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Conscious Communication is Attractive

Hello Everyone,

One of my favorite funny quotes says, "I know that you believe you understand what you think I said, but I'm not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant." Robert McCloskey

With conscious communcation we can attract the life we want in our personal relationships and in our businesses. By the way, I will talk about how to attract more business in my Busine\$\$ of Attracting Business Teleseminar on July 17.

Spend time today being conscious of what you say to others and how others react to your words. It will make you more attractive!

Are You Sure You Understood What I Think I Said?

I have come to believe that communication is at the heart of all relationships. The problem with communication is that we don't always communicate clearly and directly. Often people don't want to communicate directly for fear of hurting the other person's feelings, being rejected, or simply not wanting to deal with what the results of the communication might be.

We need to take responsibility for how we communicate, not for how the other person will process what we have to say. We can't be responsible for the other person's feelings. That doesn't mean that we just dump on others, it means we communicate in a responsible manner where we speak our truth with the intention of supporting and caring for the other person. In my seminars, I explain that words are very powerful, and as the communicator, we have the responsibility of communicating as clearly and effectively as we can.

Not all people process information in the same way. What we say may not be what someone hears. As the communicator, we have the responsibility to make sure that what we are saying is clear and understood by the receiver. Don't assume because you understood what you said, others will.

Gender, culture and ethnicity can make a difference. Not everyone communicates in the same manner or wants to be communicated to in the same manner. In a business environment it may be inappropriate to communicate by touching or hugging. It may be normal in the United States to raise our voice and express our opinions but in many Eastern culures tthis communication manner is offensive.

I'm a weekly regular on KTXA Channel 21 in Dallas and a recent segment included me giving advice on communication between men and women. Click here to watch the segment.

Keep in mind that people are different and even if we have a great message, if we can't

say it in a way others can understand what we are saying, it won't make much difference.

There are certain words and phrases we get into our vocabulary that we say without much thought. With my coaching clients and for me personally I have noticed that "sorry" is one of those words. I have even bumped into a wall and said "sorry" before realizing what I had done. If we want to apologize for something, that is fine; however an apology without sincerity doesn't mean much. Instead of saying sorry, how about really thinking about what it is we are sorry about and apologizing for that. This way we can have a sincere connection with the other person, instead of simply saying something by habit.

Often times we say things without thinking about them and without much meaning. Becoming more aware of what we are saying will allow us to be more connected to others and ourselves. By being aware of what we are saying we become more conscious of how we are saying something is affecting others and how it is affecting us. Simply saying words out of force of habit doesn't really add anything to the conversation or support the other person, or ourselves for that matter. Being more conscious of what you are saying and it will allow you connect at a deeper level, both with others and yourself.

Thank You National Speakers Association

The North Dallas Chapter of the National Speakers Association (NSA) recently recognized me as Member of the Year. I was thrilled and honored to receive this award!

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The support NSA has provided me in my speaking career is enormous! I couldn't be more grateful for the recognition from this group. Thank you!

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