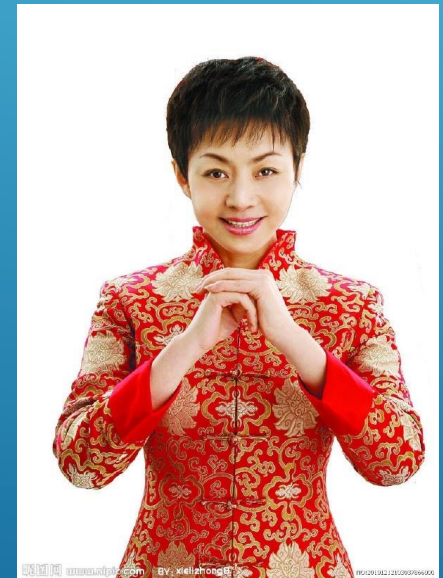
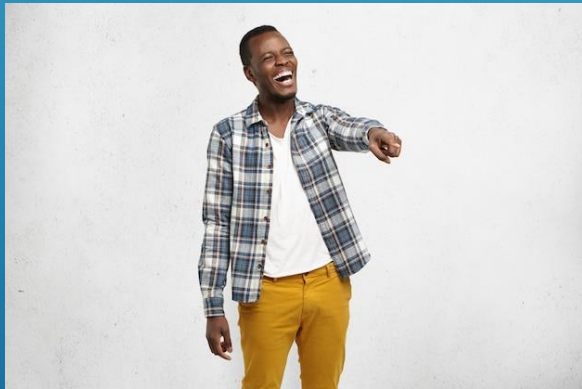


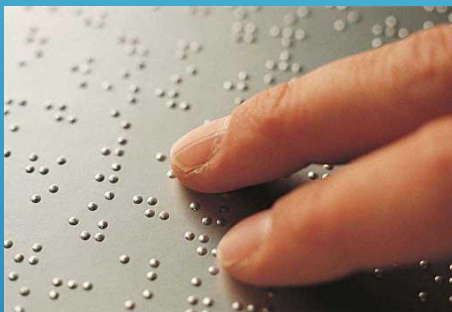
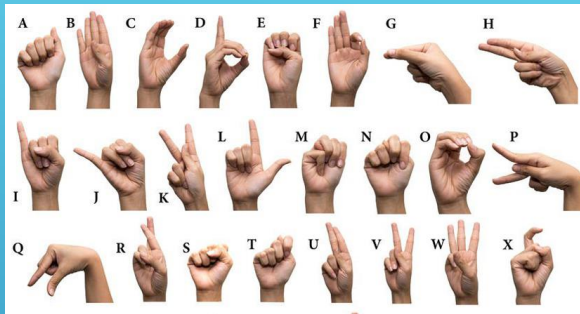


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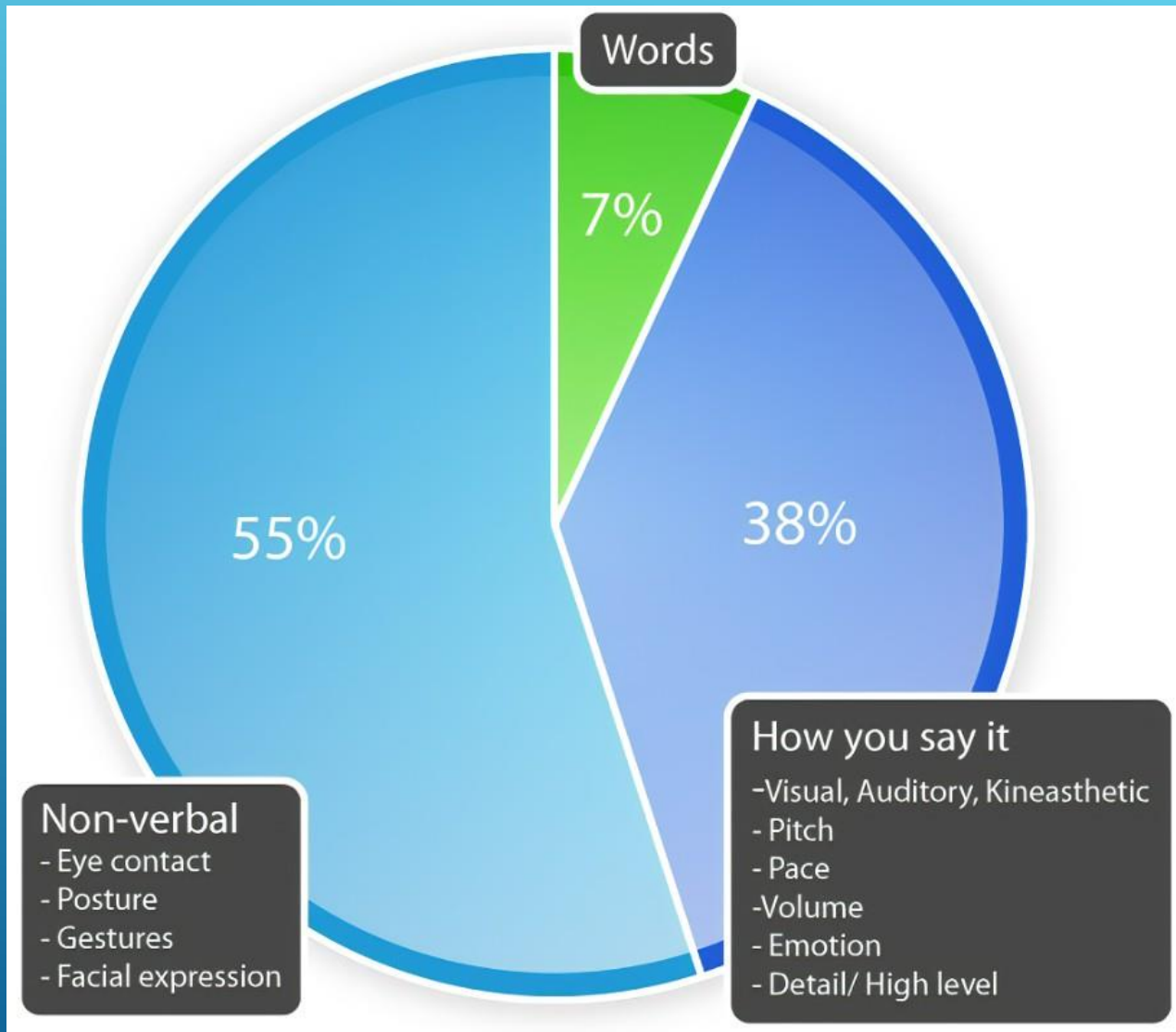
# Methods of Communication-Body Language



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- **How something is said** is directly related to being understood:
  - How loud or softly we speak
  - How fast or slow
  - If the pitch is high or low
  - Quality of our voice
  - If we have a “heavy” accent
- **If someone likes you** or what you are saying
- **Political affiliation, religious beliefs, nationality**
- **Trust:** Lying, Hypocrisy
  - Do you believe what the person is saying?
  - Can you trust them or are you skeptical?

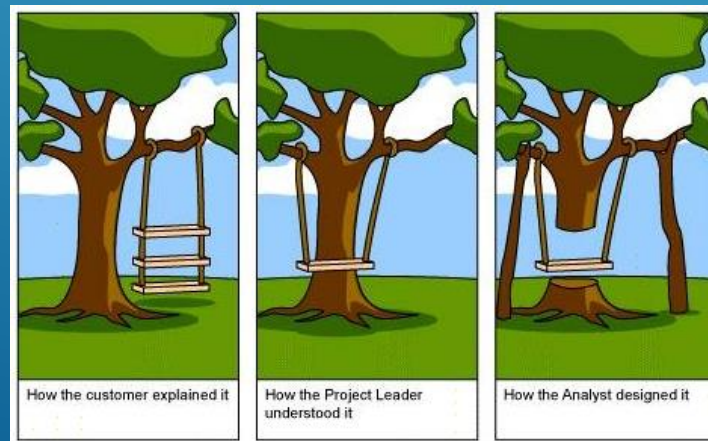


# What Affects Communication

- **Emotion:** Can cause us to be irrational, says things we will regret
  - Ps 37:8 “Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret-it only causes harm”
- **Biblical principles:** Such as love and compassion  
1 Peter 3:8-9 “Finally, all of you be of one mind, **having compassion** for one another; **love as brothers, be tenderhearted**, be courteous; 9 not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary **blessing**, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing”

# Challenges with Communication

- **Drawing an incorrect conclusion:** Email or text
  - No body language/verbal queues to help assess tone, pitch, etc. Can easily be misinterpreted.
- **Mismatches:**
  - If we are sick, stressed or distracted, our words may not be taken as sincere
  - Body language: Arms crossed
- **How something is explained and understood:**



# Basic Principles About Words

- **Jesus has the words of life:** John 6:63-68
- **Hold fast:** 2 Tim 1:13 “Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus”
- **Tongue cannot be tamed:** James 3:2-12
- **It is our responsibility to control what we say:**  
1 Pet 3:10 “For He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit”
- **Always with grace:** Col 4:6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt
- **Our words are a reflection of our heart:**  
Prov 23:7 “For as he thinks in his heart, so is he”



# Basic Principles About Words

- **If we do not control our tongue, our religion is useless:** James 1:26 “If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless”
- **Judged by the Lord's Word:** “the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day” John 12:48
- **Our words will cause us to be justified or condemned:** Matt 12:36-37 “But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. 37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned”

# Impact of Words

- Leads to **Belief** in God
  - The words of Jesus-John 8:21-30
- **Convicts** and leads to repentance
  - Peter's words "cut to the heart" Acts 2:36-37
  - Nathan's words to David "You are the man!"
- Makes us **Free**
  - John 8:31-32 "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"
- **Encourages** and lifts others up
  - God's words of encouragement to Joshua:
    - "Be strong and of good courage"
    - "I will not leave you nor forsake you"

# Impact of Words

- **Rebukes** and keep us in the faith
  - Titus 1:13 “...rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith”
  - Revelation 3:14-22 “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent”
- **Stirs** up mankind to do good or evil
  - For Good: Giving from the church at Corinth 2 Cor 9:2 “your zeal has stirred up the majority”
  - For Evil: Crucifixion of Jesus Mark 15:6-15
- **Reproaches** and causes pain
  - Psalm 42:10 “As with a breaking of my bones, My enemies reproach me, While they say to me all day long, ‘Where is your God?’”

# Words We Are Warned About

- **False:** Liars, False teachers, etc. 1 John 4:1
- **Persuasive:** Eph 5:6 “Let no one deceive you with empty words” or Col 2:4 “persuasive words”
- **Threaten:** Bring about fear
  - Jezebel to Elijah-1 Kings 19:1-4
- **Unfairly justify or condemn:**
  - Prov 17:15 “He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, Both of them alike are an **abomination** to the LORD”
- **Hasty:**
  - Prov 29:20 “Do you see a man hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him”

# Words We Are Warned About

- **Flattering:** Are very dangerous
  - Can cause division: Rom 16:17-18 "...note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine 18 ...by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple"
  - Jude 1:16 "These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage"
- **Exploit:** 2 Peter 2:3 (NASB) "in their greed they will exploit you with false words"
- **Angry:** Ps 4:4 "Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still"



APPLICATION

# Be Aware of What Can Influence Our Words

- **Emotions:** “for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God” James 1:20
- **Body language:** “Your body communicates as well as your mouth. Don’t contradict yourself” Allen Ruddock
- **How we say something:** (Pitch, pace, volume, tone, etc.)
- **Being trustworthy and believable:** Titus 2:7-8  
“in all things showing yourself *to be* a **pattern of good works**; in doctrine ***showing integrity***, reverence, incorruptibility, & sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you”

# Use Words Properly

- **Encourage:** “Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but **what is good for necessary edification**, that it may impart grace to the hearers” Eph 4:29
- **Comfort:** “Comfort and edify one another” 1 Thess 5:11
- **Pray:** “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men” 1Tim 2:1
- **Teach:** “And a servant of the Lord **must** not quarrel but **be** gentle to all, **able to teach...**” 2 Tim 2:24
- **Restore:** Galatians 6:1 “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted”



# Understand the Impact of Our Words

- **Proverbs 12:25:** “Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad”
- **Proverbs 25:11:**  
“A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold in settings of silver”
- **Isaiah 50:4** “The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary”
- **James 5:19-20:** “Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, 20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins”