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Sharing the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly with Our Partners

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Group Discussion

- What do you enjoy sharing with your partners?
- What causes you to pause: Should I or should I not tell “this” to my partners?
- What do you avoid telling your partners?



Table Discussion

What cringe worthy question(s) have ministry partners ask you?



Who are the audiences?

Ministry partners.

Social media.

Each other.

Friends outside of their ministry.

Others?



Ministry Partners

Ministry partners are a unique audience.

Is it wise to be transparent in ALL things with them?



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Stories

Family Updates

Our prayer letters are official communications from your ministry. The staff member is an official fund development rep.



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Pause before you write.

Do children get a say in what you write?

Family circumstances that should cause you to pause before you write.

Ask yourself: Will what we say embarrass or cause shame?



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How might your partners respond to some things you might share with them?

Example #1: The Teenage Son

For the teenage son: *We'd appreciate it if you would pray for Barry. He's going through a tough time right now. We found a six-week program that we and our doctors believe would be extremely helpful. Our insurance does not cover this type of program. A friend of our ministry is giving us a matching gift of \$4000. Every dollar that given will be matched dollar for dollar. The cost for the six weeks is \$10,000. Would you prayerfully consider giving a gift of \$1000, \$500 or some other amount to help us take advantage of the matching gift?*



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Example #2: The Ice Skater Daughter



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Example #3: The Kazillion Dollar House.



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Example #4: The Principle of “Two Responses.”



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Our marriage is in trouble.

Do not put people in a position to make a judgement about you when they do not have the whole picture.

Internal organizational problem/issues are not for public discussion. Internal conversations need to remain internal.



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