

**OPEN MIC**  
**Mic Test: Think Before You Speak**

“Look brilliant when the stakes are high and there's no script.”

“Take My yoke upon you. Let Me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” **Matthew 11:29** (NLT)

Brilliant Communicators:

1. Don't focus on words, focus on attitude

“You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.” **Matthew 12:34** (NIV)

“So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.” **Luke 15:20** (NIV)

“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’” **Luke 15:28-32** (NIV)

2. Are not interested in what is fair, they’re interested in what is best.

“You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, He gave up His divine privileges, He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form, He humbled Himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.” **Philippians 2:5-8**

Compassion

3. Try it on, even if you can’t buy it
4. Move toward the need

“If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.” **1 Corinthians 13:1** (NIV)