

# Children's Ministry Leadership Zones of Communication

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When your children's ministry (CM) team is built carefully, the whole team will begin to feel like a family. Families "let their guard down" and talk freely about feelings, frustrations and dreams. This is all very good. As a CM leader, you have to be careful that you don't "communicate" too freely with those who are volunteers.

Administration can be lonely because you can't tell everyone everything. You can only share your deepest feelings with fellow administrators, but as you move "down" the pyramid of those on your CM team, you need to carefully limit your conversations. Let everything be "seasoned" with positive, kind, hopeful words, and never "dump" your frustrations on those who don't really need to hear it. Ask God for wisdom and self-control.

Even though you need prayer, be careful when you share your deepest prayer needs with those on your CM team. Prayer needs like, "Ask God to help me not get so angry with our pastor when he..." shouldn't be shared outside of your own marriage or maybe not even with fellow administrators or CM leaders.

