

TEN COMMANDMENTS WHEN SPEAKING TO A HEARING IMPAIRED PERSON

1. Thou shalt not speak from another room.
2. Thou shalt not speak with your back to the hearing impaired person (or when their back is towards you.)
3. Thou shalt not start speaking and walk away.
4. Thou shalt not speak in competition with something else. (Turn off the water or turn down the radio etc.)
5. Thou shalt get the attention of the hearing impaired person before saying something to them. (If they are reading or concentrating on the TV, say their name to get their attention before saying something.)
6. Thou shalt try to speak face-to-face at all times.
7. Thou shalt move your hand away from your face while speaking.
8. Thou shalt try to speak slower.
9. Thou shalt try to speak more distinctly without shouting.
10. **THOU SHALT TRY TO BE PATIENT!**