

ATOMIC BOMB BUTTON

Preparation

Read I Corinthians 7:5

Background

Smart couples will avoid statements that they know will destroy the other person. Words are powerful and the wrong words spoken in anger can destroy the relationship. Good communications require a safe environment where trust is maintained. With both partners expecting loyalty from the person they are closest to, pressing the “atomic bomb” button is very serious indeed.

Assign a class member to play the parts of Justin and Courtney and a third person to lead a wrap-up discussion at the end of the play. Give the “actors” a few minutes to prepare.

Scene 1

Justin and Courtney are worried that they will hurt each other by careless or hurtful words.

Justin and Courtney both have issues that are so sensitive that bringing them up could personally damage the other and destroy the relationship. They talk about what those things might be and agree to never go there no matter how mad they are.

Scene 2

The make up

Justin goes too far and, in the heat of the moment, brings up something from the past that he knows will destroy Courtney. Courtney counterattacks with pressing her own atomic bomb button. Justin comes to himself and stops things from going any further by asking for a truce so he can pray about it. After prayer, he admits he was wrong, asks for forgiveness, and promises to do better.