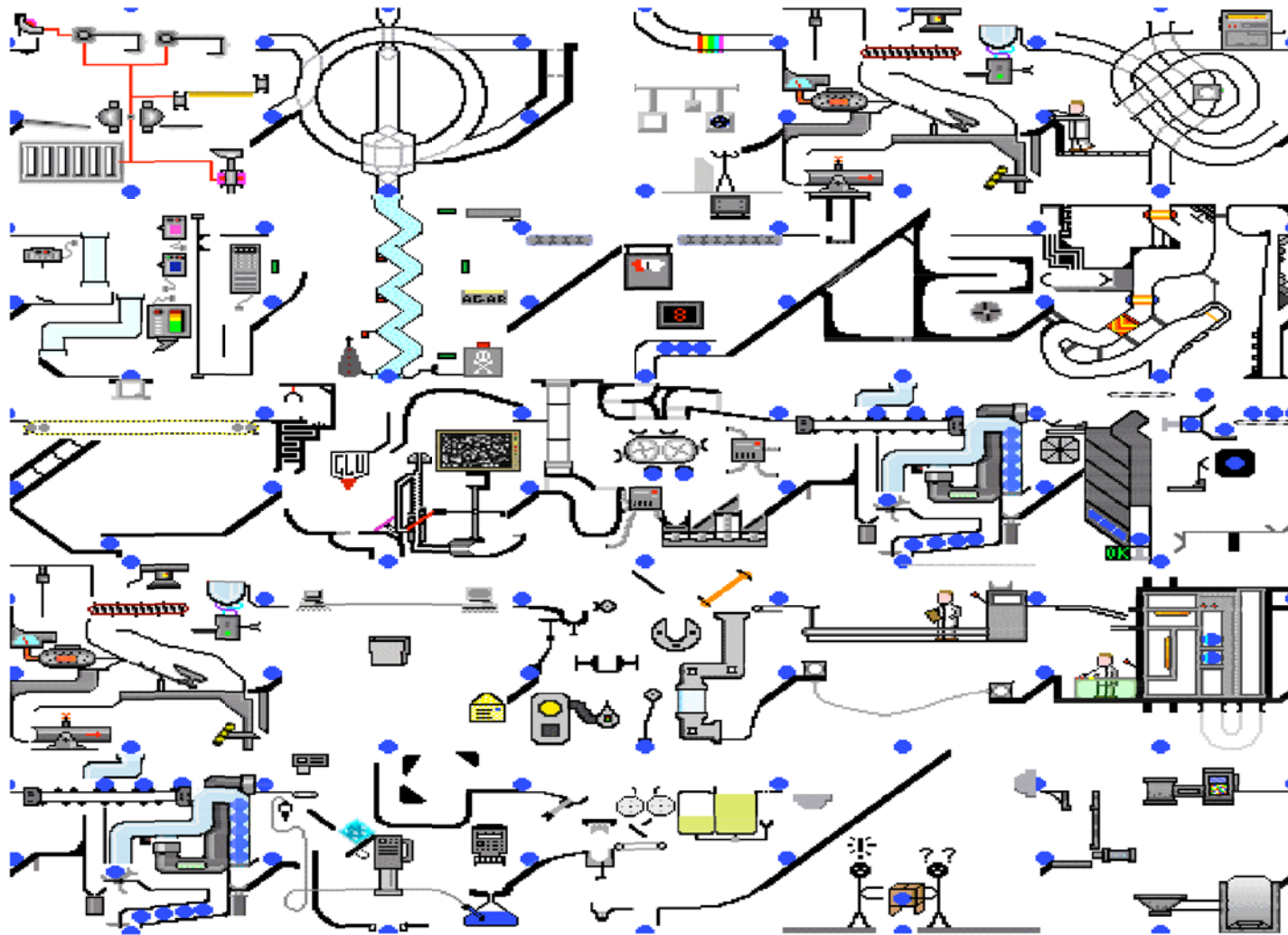


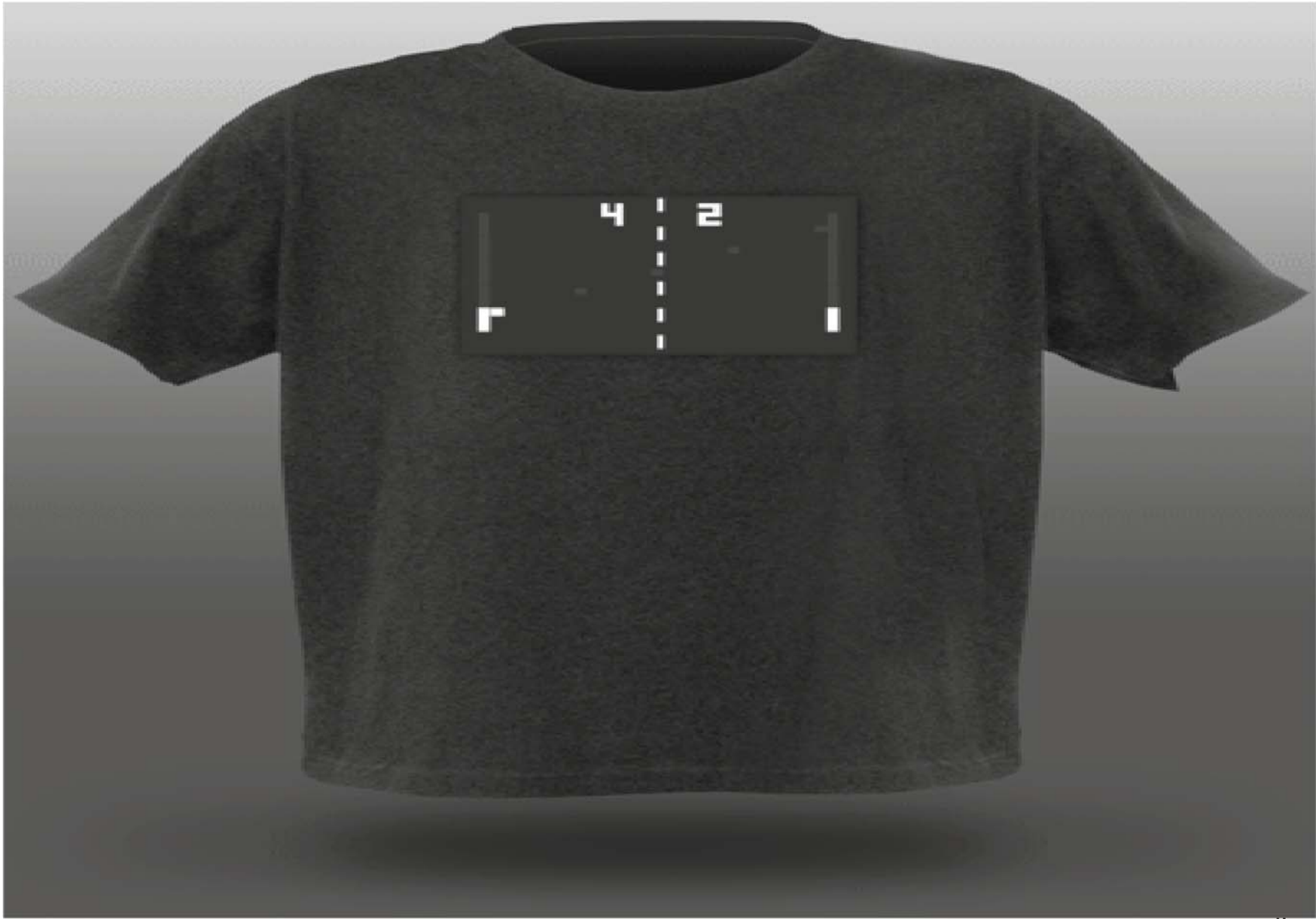
- **“You can make more friends in two months by being interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get others interested in you”**

# The Importance of Listening with the Ears of God

- Close Relationships are very difficult
- We are often very selfish, defensive and **unforgiving when wronged**
- We are often very different
- We have a very limited perspective
- We are often very bad listeners without God's help



**Every one of those little blue balls is a thought about something that needs to be done, a decision or a problem that needs to be solved**



# Major Components of Love

## 1Co 13:4 Love

- is patient and kind;
- is not jealous
- or conceited
- or proud;

## 1Co 13:5 Love

- is not ill-mannered
- or selfish
- or irritable;
- love does not keep a record of wrongs;

## 1Co 13:6 Love

- is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth.

## 1Co 13:7 Love

- never gives up;
- and its faith, hope, and patience never fail.

## 1Co 13:8 Love

- is eternal.

# Talking and Listening- The Smaller Components of Love

## Talking (5) \_

- **W**hat **I** see and hear
- **W**hat **I** think
- **W**hat **I** feel
- **W**hat **I** want for me, them, us and others
- **W**hat **I** do, will do and I've done

## Listening (5)

- **P**aying attention
- **E**mpathizing
- **A**sking
- **C**hecking\_
- **E**ncouraging more

# Listening Component 1

- “Paying attention” with open stance, eyes, ears and observation (**W**hat are **they** saying and **W**hat aren't **they** saying???)
- Listening closely to the “**W**hats”- use notes
- **W**hat they see and hear
- **W**hat they think
- **W**hat they feel
- **W**hat they want for me, them, us and others
- **W**hat they do, will do and have done

# Listening Component II

- **“EMPATHIZING”**-Attempting to walk in **they’re** shoes and give feed-back
- A short statement, comment that expresses what **they** may be experiencing
- Be tentative, sensitive
- It’s an attempt, it’s ok to be wrong
- “Sounds like”, “That sounds”, “Tough day???”



# Listening Component III

- **“ASKING”**-Notice **What they** are not saying and **ask for more information**
- Often we leave out one of the **“What”** components when we are talking
- They may not tell you **“What they feel”** or **“What they want”**
- Open, not closed question (yes, no)
- **“How”** or **“What”**

# Listening Component IV

- **“CHECKING”** - to see if I got it all?  
Summarize what they said and repeat it back as best you can:
- What **they** see and hear
- What **they** think
- What **they** feel
- What **they** want for me, them, us and others
- What **they've** done, do and will do
- **IT'S OK TO BE WRONG!!!!!!**

# Listening Component V

- **“ENCOURAGING MORE”** - to see if they have more to say? – about:
- What **they** see and hear
- What **they** think
- What **they** feel
- What **they** want for **me**, **them**, **us** and **others**
- What **they've** **done**, **do** and **will do**

# Now Some Training

- Start simple- “How was your day?”
- They talk, you listen in love starting with only the first listening component of five. {each day for a week}
- Add one each week
- Keep notes-What did I hear?
- Important Reminder-”We are in Training!”

# SIMPLE RULES

- **Box up your “Whats”**
- **No fixing**
- **No judging**
- **Only listen**