



Love Speaks the Truth

"[Love] rejoices in the truth." 1 Corinthians 13:6

"Speak the truth in love." Ephesians 4:15

"Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed."
Psalm 84:10

HOW TO SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE

1. CHECK YOUR _____

"And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? ... First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."
Matthew 7:3-5

The right motive = TO _____, NOT _____

"But we do all things, beloved, for your edification." 2 Corinthians 12:19

"Faithful are the wounds of a friend" Proverbs 27:6

2. PREPARE _____

"For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you." 2 Corinthians 2:4

"I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you." 1 Corinthians 4:14

3. GIVE _____

"A good word makes [the heart] glad" Proverbs 12:25

Begins: *"I thank my God always concerning you..."* 1 Corinthians 1:4

Ends: *"My love be with you all in Christ Jesus."* 1 Corinthians 16:24

"For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it. For I perceive that the same epistle made you sorry, though only for a while. Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance... What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication!" 2 Corinthians 7:8-11

"He who rebukes a man will find more favor afterward than he who flatters with the tongue." Proverbs 28:23