

# Love Speaks The Truth

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SERIES: ALL ABOUT LOVE  
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## Recap:

Week One: Love Does Not Envy    Week Five: Love Is Patient  
Week Two: Love Is Forgiving    Week Six: Love Is Respectful  
Week Three: Love Is Humble    Week Seven: Love Speaks The Truth  
Week Four: Love Is Kind

Key Verse

[1 Corinthians 13:3-8 (NCV)]

**1 Corinthians 13:6 (NIV)**

"Love rejoices with the truth."

**Ephesians 4:15 (GN)**

"Speak the truth in a spirit of love."

## How To Confront Someone You Love:

### 1. Before You Ever Confront Anybody With Love, Check Your

**Matthew 7:3-5 (NLT)**

"Why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own?... First get rid of the log from your own eye, then perhaps you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye."

The right motive: \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Corinthians 12:19 (NLT)**

"...We tell you this as Christ's servants...Everything we do, dear friends, is for your benefit."

**Proverbs 27:6 (GW)**

"Wounds made by a friend are intended to help."

### 2. Before You Ever Confront Anybody With Love, Plan Your

**Proverbs 16:23 (GN)**

"Intelligent people think before they speak; what they say then is more persuasive."

**2 Corinthians 2:4 (NIV)**

"I wrote you out of great distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to grieve you but to let you know the depth of my love for you."

\* Plan \_\_\_\_\_ you'll say it.

**Proverbs 25:12 (Mes)**

"A wise friend's timely reprimand is like a gold ring slipped on your finger."

\* Plan \_\_\_\_\_ you'll say.

**Proverbs 25:11 (CEV)**

"The right word at the right time is like precious gold set in silver."

\* Plan \_\_\_\_\_ you'll say it.

**Proverbs 12:18 (GN)**

"Thoughtless words can wound as deeply as any sword, but wisely spoken words can heal.."

Say it \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 16:21 GC)

Say it \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 6:13 Mes.)

Say it \_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 6:1 CEV)

**1 Corinthians 4:14 (NIV)**

"I am writing these things not to shame you, but to warn you as my beloved children."

### 3. Before You Ever Confront Anybody With Love, Give Them

Your \_\_\_\_\_

**Proverbs 12:25 (LB)**

"A word of encouragement does wonders!" [See also 1 Corinthians 1:4, 1 Corinthians 16:24]

**2 Corinthians 7:4 (GW)**

"I have great confidence in you and have a lot of reasons to be proud of you..."

### 4. Risk Their \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Corinthians 7:8-11 (Mes)**

"I know I distressed you greatly with my letter. Although I felt awful at the time, I don't feel bad now that I see how it turned out. The letter upset you, but only for awhile...and you were jarred into turning things around. You let the distress bring you to God...And that's what I was hoping for in the first place when I wrote the letter."

[See also Proverbs 24:26, Proverbs 28:23]

### Small Group Questions:

1. Discuss some ways we can increase our level of speaking love to others. Share your responses with the group. What does the Bible say? (See verses on this outline)
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal applications can you make from this lesson?
3. Take time now to pray for the needs of your group.

ANSWER KEY:

Motives; Presentation; When; What; How; Tactfully; Lovingly; Gently; Affirmation; Rejection.

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