

St. Paul's Notes

50 Days of God's Love

LOVE SPEAKS THE TRUTH

Part 8 of 8

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"Love rejoices with the truth." 1 Corinthians 13:6

"Speak the truth in a spirit of love." Ephesians 4:15 (GN)

HOW TO CONFRONT SOMEONE YOU LOVE

1. CHECK _____

"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." Matthew 7:3-5 (NLT)

The right motive:

"... We tell you this as Christ's servants ... Everything we do, dear friends, is for your benefit." 2 Corinthians 12:19 (NLT)

"Wounds made by a friend are intended to help." Proverbs 27:6 (GW)

2. PLAN _____

*"Intelligent people think before they speak;
what they say then is more persuasive."* Proverbs 16:23 (GN)

*"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."
2 Corinthians 2:4*

- Plan when you'll say it.

*"A wise friend's timely reprimand
is like a gold ring slipped on your finger."
Proverbs 25:12 (The Message)*

- Plan what you'll say.

*"The right word at the right time is like precious gold set in silver."
Proverbs 25:11 (CEV)*

- Plan how you'll say it.

*"Thoughtless words can wound as deeply as any sword,
but wisely spoken words can heal."* Proverbs 12:18 (GN)

Say it _____ Proverbs 16:21 (GN)

Say it _____ 2 Corinthians 6:13 (Mes)

Say it _____ Galatians 6:1 (CEV)

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

3. GIVE THEM _____

"A word of encouragement does wonders!" Proverbs 12:25 (LB)

Paul Began: *"I always thank God for you..."* 1 Corinthians 1:4
Ended: *"My love to all of you in Christ Jesus"* 1 Corinthians 16:24

*"I have great confidence in you and have a lot of reasons
to be proud of you..."* 2 Corinthians 7:4 (GW)

4. RISK THEIR _____

*"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 a while ... 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."
2 Corinthians 7:8-11 (The Message)*

*"An honest answer is a sign of true friendship."
Proverbs 24:26 (GN)*

*"In the end people appreciate frankness more than flattery."
Proverbs 28:23 (LB)*