



“Speaking the Truth In Love”

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- I. **Galatians 6:1-2**
 - A. How do we fulfill the law of Christ?
 1. “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”
 2. Pray one for another, encourage one another... (Be an ear for someone, be a voice for someone...be an armorbearer).
 3. Speak the Truth in Love...
 - B. Why People Avoid Speaking the Truth into a friend’s life when they need it
 1. They don’t know what needs to be said (they don’t know the truth themselves).
 - Too many opinions
 - Too many experiences (People need the Word of God, nothing else).
 2. They are afraid of hurting their feelings
 - You are not doing them any favors by “giving them support” in a bad decision!
 - You support them by telling them the truth in love.
- II. A Little Correction Goes a Long Ways
 - A. **James 5:19-20**
 1. The Focus should never be on whether the person listens and receives; just be obedient to the Heavenly Calling.
 2. Your Responsibility is Planting or Watering; God is the one that brings the increase! (And don’t dig up any seed that you plant or water by saying, “That person has never listened and they want listen now!” – Just believe that God is able.)
 - B. **Matthew 18:15-16**
 1. Don’t be guilty of using this famous phrase: “I’ll pray about it.” – Prayer is used on what to say to the person, not whether you should go to them or not.
 2. Go with the expectation of restoration....and if the person does not receive, be polite and just keep your confession in line with the Word.
 - C. **Acts 18:24-28**
 1. Look at how the situation was handled...
 2. Look at the results.
 - D. Sometimes, harsh rebuke is necessary as well...
 1. Jesus rebuked Peter strongly
 2. Paul said “He withstood Peter to his face.”
 - Let all things be done decently and in order!