

Speaking Truth in Love Encourages Good Growth

Text: Ephesians 4:15 (LSB)— “But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, that is Christ.”

Main Idea—We should have such a loving concern for all people, and particularly our brothers and sisters in Christ, that this _____ would move us to want to _____ to them.

1. Speaking truth refers to _____ truth (Parallel: Gal. 4:16).

➤ If you are going to speak, you have to _____ your _____.

2. Speaking truth refers to _____ truth.

➤ It is spiritual truth in _____ because of the surrounding _____.

3. Speaking truth refers to _____ truth.

➤ Again, the _____ helps drive the doctrinal _____ of this truth.

In Practice

I should be opening my _____ to communicate truth that is spiritually _____ and doctrinally _____ to the people around me. This should be a _____ expression of my life.

a. Speaking truth is the _____ for those who are speaking error.

b. Speaking truth helps believers _____, spiritually.

c. Speaking truth is a way to _____ to and help each other grow.

4. Speaking truth should be _____ and _____ by genuine love.

Practical Questions & Speech Test Thoughts

a. Is our _____ aimed at causing spiritual _____?

b. Are we using _____ of truth that are _____ grace to the hearer?

Test: If I feel like I have truth that *needs* to be said, is it motivated by a _____ to see them _____? And is it done in a way that _____ them _____?