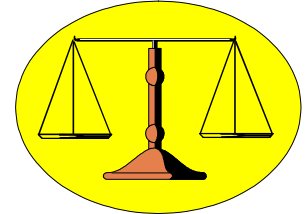


“Truth” or “Love”

Ephesians 4
November 22, 2009

1. Walk in a Manner Worthy of the Calling - 1-3

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2. Preserve the Unity of the Spirit - 2-3



3. Speaking the Truth in Love, We Are to Grow Up - 13-16

Two Results of Speaking Truth in Love

A.

B.

4. What Does Speaking Truth in Love Look Like?

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5. When to Speak Truth in Love?

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Day by Day

Monday:

- Read Ephesians 4 [meditate on verses 14-16]
- Evaluate yourself:
Do you have no problem speaking truth, but sometimes you can be too blunt or even hurtful to others in the way you speak truth?
Ask God to give you wisdom and love.

Or, would you rather die than speak the truth in love in a situation where that truth could be unpleasant or you are not sure how it will be received?
Ask God to give you wisdom and courage.

Tuesday:

- Read Ephesians 4 again [focus on verses 29-31]
- Review your notes from Sunday's study.
What is God saying to you about speaking the truth in love?
What one change will you commit to make this week in response to our study on speaking truth in love?

Wednesday-Saturday:

- Read Ephesians 4 each day
Ask God to help you see the people around you as He sees them.
As God leads you, practice speaking the truth in love in ways that are edifying, appropriate and gracious.
- Remember that learning to speak the truth in love is a critical element in preserving the unity of the Spirit, as well as an integral part of growing to maturity, both for us as individuals and for our church body.