

LOVE SPEAKS THE TRUTH
ALL WE NEED IS LOVE - Part 7 of 9

*Someone who holds back the truth will cause trouble.
But the one who openly confronts works for peace.
Prov. 10:10 (GN)*

“Love rejoices with the truth.” 1 Cor. 13:6

Speak the truth in a spirit of love. Eph. 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. Matt. 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 Cor. 12:19 (NLT)

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

2. PLAN _____

Intelligent people think before they speak; what they say then is more persuasive. Prov. 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 Cor 2:4

➤ **Plan _____ you'll say it.**

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

➤ **Plan _____ you'll say.**

Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit—you choose. Prov. 18:21 (Mes)

➤ **Plan _____ you'll say it.**

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

• **Say it _____**

A wise mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words the more persuasive he is. Prov. 16:21

• **Say it _____**

I'm speaking as plainly as I can with great affection. 2 Cor. 6:13 (Mes)

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

• **Say it _____**

If someone is trapped in sin, you should gently lead that person back to the right path. Gal. 6:1 (CEV)

3. GIVE THEM _____

A word of encouragement does wonders! Prov. 12:25 (LB)

Paul Began: “I always thank God for you.” 1 Cor 1:4

Ended: “My love to all of you in Christ Jesus” 1 Cor. 16:24

I have great confidence in you and have a lot of reasons to be proud of you. 2 Cor. 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 Cor. 7:8-11 (Mes)

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

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