



All You Need Is Love

Part 4: Speak the Truth

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Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.
1 Corinthians 13:6 (NIV)

We will speak the truth with love. Ephesians 4:14 (ICB)

1. Examine _____.

"And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! 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)

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

Wounds from a friend can be trusted. Proverbs 27:6 (NIV)

2. Prepare _____.

From a wise mind comes wise speech; the words of the wise are persuasive. Proverbs 16:23 (NLT)

How painful it was to write that letter! Heartbroken, I cried over it. I didn't want to hurt you, but I wanted you to know how very much I love you. 2 Corinthians 2:4 (NLT)

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And a wise friend's timely reprimand is like a gold ring slipped on your finger. Proverbs 25:12 (TM)

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The right word at the right time is like a custom-made piece of jewelry. Proverbs 25:11 (TM)

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Careless words stab like a sword, but wise words bring healing. Proverbs 12:18 (NCV)

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A gentle response defuses anger. Proverbs 15:1 (TM)

3. Give _____.

Anxious hearts are very heavy, but a word of encouragement does wonders! Proverbs 12:25 (TLB)

I have the highest confidence in you, and my pride in you is great. You have greatly encouraged me; you have made me happy despite all our troubles. 2 Corinthians 7:4 (NLT)

4. Recognize _____.

I am no longer sorry that I sent that letter to you, though I was sorry for a time, for I know that it was painful to you for a little while. Now I am glad I sent it, not because it hurt you, but because the pain caused you to have remorse and change your ways. It was the kind of sorrow God wants his people to have, so you were not harmed by us in any way. For God can use sorrow in our lives to help us turn away from sin and seek salvation. We will never regret that kind of sorrow. But sorrow without repentance is the kind that results in death.
2 Corinthians 7:8-10 (NLT)

In the end, people appreciate frankness more than flattery.
Proverbs 28:23 (NLT)

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