

The, in your face,  
honesty of Jesus  
Part 1

Oh, the things Jesus says

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“When Jesus had finished speaking, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him; so he went in and reclined at the table. But the Pharisee was surprised when he noticed that Jesus did not first wash before the meal. Then the Lord said to him, “Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness.” Luke 11:37-39

- The honesty and severity are measured out precisely, according to the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ and self-\_\_\_\_\_ encasing his listener.

I. Why am I afraid to tell the truth?

1. We love our “own” \_\_\_\_\_

“You love evil rather than good, falsehood rather than speaking the truth.”  
Psalm 52:3

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Most of us are \_\_\_\_\_ afraid to tell the truth, we are afraid of the \_\_\_\_\_ we would get.

3. It will \_\_\_\_\_ us

4. We’re \_\_\_\_\_

I don’t really care enough to risk the \_\_\_\_\_, backlash, penalties, or rejection that will come from being honest.

“Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” Mt 18:3

II. Let’s be clear about a couple of things:

1. I’m not \_\_\_\_\_

2. I’m not the \_\_\_\_\_

3. I’m not \_\_\_\_\_.

However God will use me to speak the  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Am under the control of the \_\_\_\_\_?
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III. I need people who will speak the truth \_\_\_\_\_

“Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.”  
Eph 4:15

- How open am I to \_\_\_\_\_ the truth?

IV. I need to speak truth to other \_\_\_\_\_

How willing am I to \_\_\_\_\_ someone about their sin or bad behavior?