

The, in your face,
honesty of Jesus
Part 3

Speaking the Truth in love

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“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.”
Ephesians 4:15

I. My speech tells a lot about me.

1. What's in my _____ Luke 6:45
2. Who I belong _____ John 8:44
3. Where my _____ Matthew 26:73

II. What is required to “Speak the truth in love?”

1. It requires _____
 - I need to open my mouth and speak the _____

A. I must be willing to speak when it would be easier to remain _____

“Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” Col 4:6

- Silence is _____, but when sin is involved... _____

B. My speech must be brought & kept under _____

Jas. 3:2-5, 8

- ✓ Watch what you _____
- ✓ Be careful _____ you say it
- ✓ Let your speech be an _____

“Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech.” 1 Timothy 4:12

2. Speaking the _____

“Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.” Eph. 4:25.

A. In order to speak truth, I have to know what the _____
John 18:37-38

B. Speaking truth is a _____ of the Christian

“Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.” Col. 3:9-10

C. Speaking Truth is anchored in “the Truth” of the _____

3. Speaking the truth in _____

“Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.”
1 Cor. 13:6

A. Requires speaking for the right _____

B. Requires that I seek to speak in the most effective way _____