

“Speaking The Truth In Love”

Til Death Do Us Part Series

“Someone who holds back the truth will cause trouble. But the one who openly confronts WORKS FOR PEACE.”

Proverbs 10:10

“love rejoices with the truth”

1 Corinthians 13:6

STEP #1 CHECK YOUR MOTIVES

Matthew 7:3-5 *“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.” NIV*

Proverbs 27:6 *“Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.”*

Proverbs 27:6 *“...wounds made by a friend are intended to help”*

STEP #2 PLAN YOUR CONVERSATION

Proverbs 16:23 *“intelligent people think (pray too) before they speak. What they say is more persuasive”*

Ecclesiastes 3:1 *“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens”*

Plan 3 things

- * WHEN you'll say it (The Timing) (no rushing etc)
- * WHAT you'll say (The message)
- * HOW you'll say (The Delivery) tone...expression

Proverbs 25:11 *"...the right word at the right time is like precious gold set in silver"*

STEP #3 SAY IT GENTLY

Proverbs 15:1 *"A soft answer turns away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger."*

Galatians 6:1 *"if someone is trapped in a sin, you should GENTLY lead that person back to the right path"*

- Affirm that you deeply LOVE & CARE FOR THEM
- Affirm that you will PRAY FOR THEM & HELP THEM
- Affirm that you BELIEVE THEY CAN & WILL CHANGE

STEP #4 RISK REJECTION

2 Corinthians 7:8-10 *"Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while— yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death."* NIV