

I Corinthians 16:10-24
“Speaking the truth in love”

“I may forget
what you said
but I will not forget
how you made me feel”

“Feelings rule” in a pluralistic culture

<p>My feelings rule</p> <p>Telling you how I feel is good and healthy.</p>	<p>Your feelings rule</p> <p>Offending others is not good or respectful.</p>
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Common mistakes we can make

1. We let feelings rule our lives.
2. We equate the Spirit with feelings.
3. We repress our feelings and disrespect the feelings of others.
4. We sacrifice truth for feelings.
5. We avoid facing difficulties for fear of hurting the feelings of others.

Ephesians 4:15

“but **speaking the truth in love**, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ,”

Paul's demo!

Paul teaches us in two ways

<p>Exhortation (prescription)</p> <p>He explains the truth and exhorts us to walk in it.</p>	<p>Example (description)</p> <p>He practices the truth and shows us how to walk in it.</p>
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1 Corinthians 16

“¹⁰ Now if Timothy comes, see that he is with you without cause to be afraid; for he is doing the Lord’s work, as I also am. ¹¹ Let no one therefore despise him. But send him on his way in peace, so that he may come to me; for I expect him with the brethren.”

Truth #1 Love addresses fears.

1. Anticipate the social fears of others and work to alleviate them.

Characteristics of a good leader

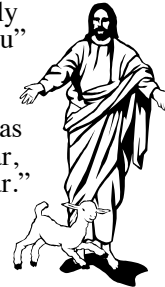
1. They have followers.
2. They inspire with clear vision and caring values.
3. **They help others manage fear.**



Among Jesus' most common words

“Truly truly I say to you”

“He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”



“Be not afraid”

1 Corinthians 16

“¹² But concerning Apollos our brother, I encouraged him greatly to come to you with the brethren; and it was not at all his desire to come now, but he will come when he has opportunity.”

Truth #2 Love connects people.

2. **Be a catalyst for social relationships while respecting individual boundaries.**

1 Corinthians 16

“¹⁵ Now I urge you, brethren (you know the household of Stephanas, that they were the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves for ministry to the saints), ¹⁶ that you also be in subjection to such men and to everyone who helps in the work and labors. ¹⁷ And I rejoice over the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus; because they have supplied what was lacking on your part. ¹⁸ For they have refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men.”

1 Corinthians 16

“¹³ Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. ¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love.”

Truth #3 love calls us to be strong for others.

3. **Be someone others can lean on and trust.**

Truth #4 Love honors those who serve.

4. **Encourage respect for those in positions of service.**

“The test of the servant’s heart is seen in how they respond to those who are in authority over them.”

“The test of a servant’s heart is seen in how they respond when they are treated like one.”

1 Corinthians 16

“¹⁹ The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Prisca greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. ²⁰ All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.”

Truth #5 *Love speaks well of others.*

5. Spread a loving report to others.

1 Corinthians 16

“²¹ The greeting is in my own hand - Paul. ²² If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be accursed. Maranatha. ²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. ²⁴ My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.”

Truth #6 *Love for one another starts with a love for God.*

6. Maintain a grace and love that has clear and strong boundaries.

2 Corinthians 11

“² For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin. ³ But **I am afraid**, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. ⁴ For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, **you bear this beautifully.**”