

LET'S TALK IT OVER – PART II

“The Art of Honesty”

We often hear about dishonest businessmen, ponzi schemes, plagiarism, black markets, and politicians, and more. What happened to the virtue of being truthful and honest in all our dealings with people? In today's teaching, we will examine the virtue of honesty and discuss the necessity of speaking the truth to one another, with the right combination of love and wisdom.

#1. WE MUST BE HONEST WITH OURSELVES – THE EXAMPLE OF PAUL, 1 Timothy 1:12-17

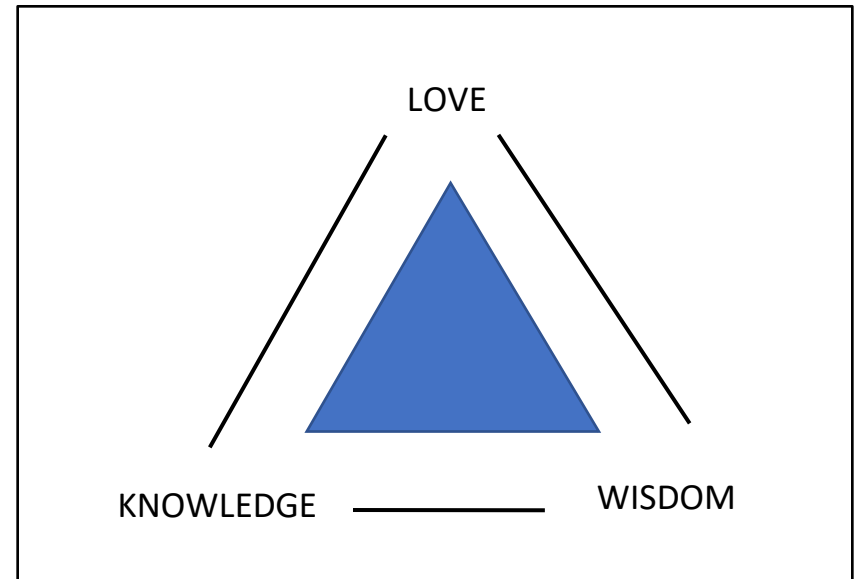
- A. We must not live in denial of reality
- B. We must not live in self-deception
- C. We must walk in God's forgiveness

#2. WE MUST BE HONEST WITH GOD – THE EXAMPLE OF DAVID, Psalm 51, 1 John 1:9

- A. We must confess our sins daily
- B. We must repent of our sins as needed
- C. We must keep our conscience clear

#3. WE MUST BE HONEST WITH ONE ANOTHER – THE EXAMPLE OF RESOLVING CONFLICT, Eph 4:15, 25-27

- A. We must speak & live truthfully, Eph 4:15
- B. We must put of falsehood & speak truth, Eph 4:25
- C. We must not let anger poison us, Psalm 4:4 Eph 4:26
- D. We must not give the devil a foothold (*topos*), Eph 4:27



The above diagram demonstrates the need to have the right combination of love, knowledge and wisdom in our communication with people.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Give some examples of how people aren't honest with themselves?
- #2. What are your observations about Paul's self-honesty? (1 Tim 1:12-17)
- #3. Did Paul live with a guilty conscience and beat himself up because he persecuted the church before becoming a Christian?
- #4. Why is it important to be honest with God? What are the consequences of not being honest with God?
- #5. Why should confession & repentance be a normative practice for believers? (1 John 1:9)
- #6. What observations can you make about David's attempt to cover up his sins regarding Bathsheba? How do you think David felt after he confessed his sin (Psalm 51)?
- #7. Why is it important to be honest with one another in the body of Christ?
- #8. For what reason(s) are church people hesitant to be honest and transparent about their issues?
- #9. What did Paul mean by "giving the devil a foothold"?
- #10. Why is it important to have the right combination of love, knowledge and wisdom in a conversation?
- #11. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

Welcome

to

Hillcrest Church!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

*The tongue has the power of life and death,
and those who love it will eat its fruit.*

Proverbs 18:21

June 19, 2022

Pastor Bruce Guckelberg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

We wish all the fathers in attendance a blessed day for the important role you play in our lives. May this day be filled with joy as we honor you!

TODAY

Pastor Bruce is continuing his series "Let's Talk it Over." Today's teaching will focus on the need to be honest in our communication with ourselves, God and one another.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm

Go to the online meeting room on our website (hillcrestRoseville.com) to access the gathering.

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