



Ephesians 4:14-16 and 25

<sup>14</sup>Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup>From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

<sup>25</sup>Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

GRACIOUSLY TRUTHING ONE ANOTHER

Gracer



Truther

Gracious truth is

central to corporate spiritual growth. Eph. 4:14-16

Lies abound in:

1. The world 2. The Devil 3. us \*see back

I. We need to know the truth about ourselves.

A. Know Jesus John 14:6

B. Know the Bible Psalm 119:9,11, 165

C. Listen to the Holy Spirit John 16:13

He reveals general and personal truths.

D. Listen to trusted others Eph. 4:14-16

II. Tell others the truth about ourselves.

James 5:16; I John 4:5-10

A. Maintain confidentiality Roman 1:29

B. Be sure to pray

III. Tell others the truth as a gracious warning

Col. 3:9,16 I Thes. 3:14,15 Titus 3:10 James 5:19,20

A. This is about "the word of Christ"

not about our preferences. James 5:9

B. This is about influence not control.

Admonish: To lay into mind

C. Gracious truthing is to be applied in the context of all of the other one anothers.

No drive-by truthings.

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We think bad company won't corrupt us. I Cor. 15:33

We think we are something when we are not. Gal. 6:3

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