

True Love Speaks Hard Truth

Introduction

Opening Illustration –

1. Christ Loves His Church.
 - a. Speak The Truth In Love Ephesians 4:11-16
 - i. Gifts of Service for ministry
 - ii. Maturity in Christ
 - iii. Growth of the Body
 - b. As many as I love . . . Revelation 3:14-22
 - i. I rebuke.
 1. To scrutinize or examine, expose
 2. Help a person recognize wrong doing, convict
 3. Express strong disapproval of someone’s action, correct
 4. To penalize for wrongdoing, discipline
 - ii. I chasten.
 1. Provide instruction for informed and responsible living, educate.
 2. To assist in the development of a person’s ability to make appropriate choices, practice discipline.
 - iii. Repent!
 1. Earnestly, passionately
 2. Change one’s mind
 - c. Sanctify her. Ephesians 5:25-27
2. Christ loved him.
 - a. Good Teacher. Mark 10:17-20
 - b. One thing you lack. Mark 10:21-22
3. True Love Rebukes.
 - a. The Lord Reproves those He loves. Proverbs 3:11-12; Proverbs 28:13
 - b. Restoring a sinner James 5:19-20; Galatians 6:1
 - c. Reaching the lost. Acts 2:37-41

Closing Illustration –

Closing Thought