

a higher LOVE

Shares the Truth in Love

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"...clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony."

Colossians 3:13-14 NLT

Jesus – "I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me."

John 17:23 NLT

WHY DON'T WE SHARE THE TRUTH?

"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear..."

1 John 4:18a NIV

GOD DESIRES I SHARE THE TRUTH...

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✓ **TO HELP** _____

"Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important."

Galatians 6:1-3 NLT

✓ **TO HELP** _____

"Mark out a straight path for your feet so that those who are weak and lame will not fall but become strong."

Hebrews 12:11-13 NLT

✓ **TO HELP** _____

"When one of you has a dispute with another believer, how dare you file a lawsuit and ask a secular court to decide the matter instead of taking it to other believers! ... But instead, one believer sues another— right in front of unbelievers! Even to have such lawsuits with one another is a defeat for you. Why not just accept the injustice and leave it at that? Why not let yourselves be cheated?"

1 Corinthians 6:1,6-8 NLT

I CAN SHARE THE TRUTH LOVINGLY WHEN I...

MATTHEW 18:15-17

- **Go** _____

"If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back."

Matthew 18:15 NLT

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"I have much more to say to you, but I don't want to do it with paper and ink. For I hope to visit you soon and talk with you face to face. Then our joy will be complete."

2 John 1:12 NLT

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"Night and day we pray earnestly for you, asking God to let us see you again to fill the gaps in your faith."

1 Thessalonians 3:10 NLT

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"Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish."

Proverbs 18:13 NLT

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"Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing."

Proverbs 12:18 NLT

- **Go** _____

"But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses."

Matthew 18:16 NLT

"A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people. Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will learn the truth."

2 Timothy 2:24-25 NLT

- **Go** _____

"If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector."

Matthew 18:17 NLT

"Now, however, it is time to forgive and comfort him. Otherwise he may be overcome by discouragement. So I urge you now to reaffirm your love for him."

2 Corinthians 2:7-8 NLT