

Sunday Morning, May 10, 2015  
What Does Spiritual Maturity Sound Like? The Truth  
Ephesians 4:15, 4:25

- I. The Believer's Commitment to Speak the Truth
  - A. Because Your God Is the God of Truth  
Ps. 31:5; Jn. 17:3; Rev. 6:10; Rev. 15:3; Jn. 1:14,17, 14:6; 1 Jn. 5:20; Rev 3:7, 14; Jn. 15:26;  
Jn. 16:13; Num. 23:19; Tit. 1:2; 1 Jn. 1:5; Heb. 6:17,18
  
  - B. Because Falsehood Is the Antithesis of God  
Prov. 6:16-19; Ps. 5:4; Prov. 12:22; Jn. 8:44; Gen. 3:1-5; Acts 5:3; Rev. 14:5
  
  - C. Because Your Identity Is That Believers Have Been Brought into the Truth  
Eph. 4:25, 15-16, 24, 17-18, 5:8-9; 2 Tim. 2:25; 4:21, 16; Eph. 6:14; 1:13
  
- II. The Believer's Application to Speak the Truth
  - A. Truth Puts Away All Lying, All Forms of Deception. Eph. 4:25, Ps. 15:2
  
  - B. Truth Will Not Be Silent When One Sees the Sin of Others. Lev. 5:1
  
  - C. Truth Does Not Keep Offenses Buried; Does Not Clam Up.  
1 Pet. 4:8; Matt. 18:15; Prov. 12:17; Eph. 4:26, 27
  
  - D. Truth Keeps One's Word. Matt. 5:37; Ps. 15:4
  
  - E. Truth Does Away with Hinting; Giving in to Hinting. Phil 1:10.
  
  - F. Truth Does Away with All Manipulation
  
  - G. Truth Is Transparent. Ps. 139:23, 24; Ps. 51:6
  
  - H. Truth Does Not Pre-judge Another's Response Before it Is Heard; Will Not Assume, or Misquote  
Another's Motives/ Intentions.  
Prov. 18:13; LC Q 145; Rom. 3:8; Jer. 17:9; 1 Cor. 13:6, 7; Rom. 12:9

*Quotes:*

“Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.”  
—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Shorter Catechism Q.77 *What is required in the ninth commandment?* A. The ninth commandment requireth the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor’s good name, especially in witness-bearing.

“Sin of the tongue is false witness-bearing and false accusing; a sin which cries to God for vengeance, who is the justifier of the innocent.”  
—Richard Baxter

“Although people are allowed to hold their own opinions, they can not make up their own truth.”  
—Philip G. Ryken

“Speaking truth instead of lies is not simply being nice. It is a declaration of allegiance. Truth is a shibboleth—a telltale mark—revealing that you belong to the kingdom of God.  
---Ed Welch

“In most cases, when we avoid conflict, we’re not really avoiding, rather we are simply putting off the consequences of dealing with it. Quite often, the consequences are worse down the road, or at a minimum, they hinder the health of our own emotional and relational world.”  
—Steve Saccone

“It is important to understand that truth is absolutely vital and essential to new life. It is truth that changes our behavior; a sober, clear understanding of God’s truth is what changes lives. . . . If you are of the truth, if you have learned the truth, if you see the sanctity of the truth, then speak truth. . . . God is a God of truth, and his people are called to have an enormously high standard of truth.”  
—RC Sproul