Speaking the Truth in Love

**Ephesians 4:15&16** *“…speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,****16****from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love*”

# When do I speak?

Q: Is it worth raising?

Q: Am I the right person?

# How do I speak?

Prepare well: Check your Heart

* Look at Luke 18:9-14
	+ Q: How would having the attitude of the Pharisee affect how we challenge someone?
	+ Q: How would having the attitude of the Tax Collector affect how we challenge someone?

Prepare well: Pray

# ­How do I speak?

1. **Ask questions**
2. **Encourage**
3. **Exhort**
	* Look at Hebrews 12:1-3 and 1 Peter 5:8&9:
		+ What are they being exhorted to do?
		+ What reasons are given?
4. **Express Concern**
5. **Warn**
	* Look at Matthew 7:24-27 and Colossians 3:5-6
		+ What are the warnings?
		+ What reasons are given?
6. **Rebuke**
	* Colossians 3:16