**Are we Teaching the Truth in Love?**

**1. Teach the truth in Love (AGAPE)**

 **A.) Teach the truth to make Disciple**

 **B.) Scripture equips you to teach, not your opinion**

 **C.) Always Teach the scripture, especially when it’s not popular**

 **D.) Teaching the scripture is the only thing that will set us FREE to be disciples**

**2. Are we holding pure motives and showing that you care?**

**3. Examples of teaching the Truth in Love**

 **A.) Philippians 1:14-19 *Rich Ruler***

 ***B.*) John 8: 1-12 *Woman caught in adultery***

**Four commonly used Greek words used for LOVE:**

**Eros** – sexual or romantic love. Probably the most well-known word for love.

**Phileo** – fraternal or friendly love. The love that you would show a brother or a friend who is closer than a brother.

 **Storge** – familial love.

***Agape*** – self-sacrificial love. This word connotates a ***conscious action rather than an emotional feeling;*** ***to do what’s best for a person, in spite of the person’s behavior***

AGAPE LOVE: ***to do what’s best for a person, in spite of the person’s behavior***

**Matthew 5: 43-48**

**1 Corinthians 13: 4-8**

**1. Teaching TRUTH:**

* **Matthew 28: 18-19 Only TRUTH can make disciples**
* **2 Timothy 3:16-17 Scripture (TRUTH) equips you, not your opinion**
* **2 Timothy 4: 2-4 Always Teach the scripture (TRUTH), especially when it’s not popular**
* **John 8:30-32 Teaching the scripture (TRUTH) is the only thing that will set us FREE to be disciples**

**2. Are we holding pure motives and showing that we care?**

**Philippians 1:14-19**

**15Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:**

**16The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:**

**17But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defense of the gospel.**

**18What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretense, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.**

**Envy: a feeling of discontented or resentful longing aroused by someone else's possessions, qualities, or luck:**

***synonyms:***

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**Strife: angry or bitter disagreement over fundamental issues; conflict**

**Contention: heated disagreement; an assertion, especially one maintained in argument**

**Not sincerely: not in a sincere or genuine way**

**Pretense: a false display of feelings, attitudes, or intentions:**

**3. Examples of Teaching the TRUTH in LOVE (AGAPE):**

**(A) Mark 10: 17-22 Rich Ruler**

**17Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?”**

**18So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is,* God. 19You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Do not defraud,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’ ”**

**20And he answered and said to Him, “Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.”**

**21Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.”**

**22But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful**, for he had great possessions.

* **PURE MOTIVES: Jesus looked at him with Love and told him the truth, knowing it would upset him…**

**(B) John 8: 1-12 Woman caught in Adultery**

 **But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.**

* **2Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. 3Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, 4they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. 5Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?” 6This they said, testing Him, that they might have *something* of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with *His* finger, as though He did not hear. 7So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” 8And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. 9Then those who heard *it,* being convicted by *their* conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest *even* to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. 10When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?” 11She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.” 12Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”**
* **Who did Jesus teach in LOVE? Can we see HIS LOVE?**