

# Love With Truth

1 Timothy 1:1-7

If there was a single, double-edged motivation of the ministry of Paul it was \_\_\_\_\_. A love for \_\_\_\_\_ (who's love had transformed his life) and a love for \_\_\_\_\_ that God's love produces.

God's \_\_\_\_\_ is birthed, formed, unified, and identified by \_\_\_\_\_.

## Five ways that transforming love is expressed and experienced:

### We love by giving hopeful \_\_\_\_\_.

Our perspectives are not always \_\_\_\_\_. We need to constantly help one another \_\_\_\_\_ our perspectives on decisions, circumstances, ourselves and others. That starts by first and foremost saying, "Fix your eyes on God our Savior and Jesus Christ our HOPE!"

### We Love by giving unconditional \_\_\_\_\_.

Loving acceptance...(taken from "How People Grow" by Cloud and Townsend)

...is an \_\_\_\_\_ to relationship.

...frees us from the bondage of the \_\_\_\_\_.

...does away with the need to prove ourselves \_\_\_\_\_ and replaces it with an appeal to living on the basis of relationship rather than performance and \_\_\_\_\_.

...builds \_\_\_\_\_ and relationship.

...creates safety to be and experience ourselves.

...creates safety to \_\_\_\_\_ and heal.

...emboldens to take \_\_\_\_\_ for growth.

### We love by \_\_\_\_\_, affirmation, and \_\_\_\_\_.

We are to constantly affirm/encourage one another by reminding each other of our identity in Christ and our membership in the family of God and by pointing to the resources of Heaven that our faith in Christ has given us based on the powerful working of God in and through our lives.

### We love with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Validation conveys to a person that their experience is \_\_\_\_\_ and is not to be dismissed, minimized, or shamed.

Nothing provides comfort for a child of God more than the promises of God's \_\_\_\_\_. Second to that is knowing that other \_\_\_\_\_ understand you, see you, care for you and what you are going through; knowing that your burdens are not yours alone to carry.

### We love by always speaking and teaching the \_\_\_\_\_.

Truth without love is \_\_\_\_\_. Love without truth is selfish sentimentality.

Speaking the truth in love is \_\_\_\_\_. This is what we are commanded to do!

## Correction that comes from love comes about from a three-fold inner condition:

A Pure \_\_\_\_\_ – one that is clean from sin and joyfully obedient to God. This is love for God first and then sincere love for those around us.

A Good \_\_\_\_\_ – a position in which neither God nor self condemns oneself – to be free of guilt, doubt and shame. A sense of moral approval from God and God's people.

A sincere \_\_\_\_\_ – faith without any pretense or hypocrisy. Real faith joins naturally with LOVE. They cannot be divorced.

\* \_\_\_\_\_ is at the heart of practical living and the cultivation of transforming LOVE.

We love one another by holding out the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel, solid doctrine and truth. But that knowledge transforms us in the context of \_\_\_\_\_ a love that is accepting, approving, affirming, validating, comforting, encouraging- where we are seen, \_\_\_\_\_, understood, cared for and valued.