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## Maturing Love

Eph. 4:15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ.

As Paul is writing the church in Ephesus, he makes a point to remind them to speak the truth covered in love. Many speak the truth, but there is not much love. It seems they are trying to prove a point and are almost angry. I believe that many people don't want to hear the truth because the people trying to share the truth are either overbearing or forceful without any semblance of caring or love.

As we mature in our faith, it will show in our love for others. Teddy Roosevelt once said, "Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care." That is the message that God wants us to know and to show others. As we mature in the body of Christ, the outward expression of love should come from a heart overflowing with love. And as we love, we will show more and more the love of our head, Jesus Christ.

There is no one in this world that God doesn't love. And because of this fact, we must also love everyone. It doesn't mean we have to agree or condone everyone's actions. God doesn't, but He still loves. Our love cannot be given or withheld according to what we want, but instead, as we mature in Christ, we will begin to love freely and without limits.

Dear Father, thank You for loving me when I was unlovable. Thank you for saving me when I felt like I was un-savable. Help me to love others like that as You grow me more and more into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus. In Jesus Name, Amen