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#### **Ephesians 4:15**

15 ...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.

#### Proverbs 12:18

# The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

# The truth we speak should always benefit the recipient

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8 But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

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How to Resolve Conflict Luke 12:13-14 (NIV) 13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." 14 Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?"

- 1 Timothy 2:5 (NLT)
- 5 ... There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21(NIV)

16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

19 that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

- Do you need to make peace with God?
- Do you need to set up a peace conference with someone?
- Who has God called for you to be His ambassador to?

### May 3, 12:15pm Congregational information meeting

# May 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Special business meeting