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1 Corinthians 13:4, *Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, 5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, 6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails... 13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

Confront Only About Bad Or Destructive **BEHAVIOR** Not Motives Or **PET PEEVES**

Proverbs 6:16, *There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to Him: 17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, 18 a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, 19 a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.*

Ephesians 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.*

Proverbs 27:6, *Wounds from a friend can be trusted...*

When Confronting Someone You Love...

-Examine Your Own **BEHAVIOR FIRST**

Matthew 7:3, *“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 4*

How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Hebrews 12:15, *See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.*

-Make Sure Your MOTIVES ARE RIGHT

2 Corinthians 12:19, *... We have been speaking in the sight of God as those in Christ; and everything we do, dear friends, is for your strengthening.*

2 Corinthians 2:4, *For I wrote you out of great distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to grieve you but to let you know the depth of my love for you.*

-Plan Your CONFRONTATION LOVINGLY

Proverbs 16:23, *The hearts of the wise make their mouths prudent, and their lips promote instruction.*

Proverbs 25:11, *Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a ruling rightly given. 12 Like an earring of gold or an ornament of fine gold is the rebuke of a wise judge to a listening ear.*

-Plan WHAT, WHEN And HOW You Will Say It!

Proverbs 12:18, *The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.*

-Say It Tactfully, Lovingly And GENTLY

1 Corinthians 4:14, *I am writing these things not to shame you, but to warn you as my beloved children.*

Proverbs 16:21, *The wise in heart are called discerning, and gracious words promote instruction.*

Galatians 6:1, *Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently.*

-Beware Of The Risk Of REJECTION

2 Corinthians 7:4, *I have spoken to you with great frankness; I take great pride in you. I am greatly encouraged; in all our troubles my joy knows no bounds.*

2 Corinthians 7:8, *Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while— 9 yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance.*