

## **Love as “Honesty” I Corinthians 13:6**

“Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth.”

- Love in the concrete manifests itself as honesty in relationships.

### **1. Honesty as “truth-telling” (Eph. 4:25)**

❖ the love of Christ in us, leads to truth-telling in speech. However, truth-telling does not mean:

- telling everything we know – not total transparency about self or others. Refuses to speak of that which is detrimental to the reputation to the reputation of another
- verbalizing all our emotions
- making an excuse to be unloving
- telling secrets for personal gain
- jeopardizing justice

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## **2. “Honesty” as “Truth-being”**

### **A. The Concept of truth being**

- honesty goes beyond what we say to who we are
- It's about being authentic – the “Rolex” predicament

### **B. The Character of Truth being – What does it mean to be authentic?**

- Being open about our weaknesses – Mark 14:32-34
- Speaking truth in love - Eph. 4:15
- Consistency in behavior, words, and meaning  
Matthew 23: 27, 28
- Transparency – no one has to figure you out. There is a willingness to share your heart. – John 15:15
- Keeping promises – Matthew 5:37
- Avoiding exaggeration for manipulation – Numbers 13:32