

Is Sharing Truth Mean Spirited or Loving?

God has a plan. His plan is for us to follow His will through the Scriptures, the Holy Bible. God's plan includes a radical type of love that is seldom understood in modern culture.

Culture says love is "positive tolerance" (accepting and approving all lifestyles, and affirming all belief systems). Culture says tolerance accepts all and corrects none. Tolerance demands that you never make anyone feel wrong by teaching them things different than they already believe.

Those adopting this ethic believe that love allows and accepts all. Those living in this philosophy, therefore, must believe that moral standards (unchanging standards which apply to all) are mean-spirited and unloving, simply because they might make someone feel bad!

Jesus has a radically different idea about love. Love shares truth! Truth can be known (John 8:32). God's word is truth and we are sanctified only in His truth (John 17:17). Truth should be lovingly shared so others can be in a more perfect relationship with God (Acts 8:24-26).

The very thing that brought Jesus to earth in human form was His love for mankind. When He got here He set about to share truth, genuine truth. It is, perhaps, an age-old question, "Is it loving or mean spirited to interrupt another person's lifestyle to teach him or her truth?" Jesus believed it was the loving thing to do. Certainly it should be done with a loving spirit, but it must be done if we are to share His love, His truth and yes, His standards with those who do not yet understand.

Tolerance of falsehood is not a virtue, but teaching God's truth in love is. It is also a precious and rare gem in today's tolerance driven world. Only God's truth can make us free. Only standards of biblical truth can keep us free. Love others enough to share God's truth with them. Love God enough to hold fast to His standards (Galatians 1:6-10; 4:16; Ephesians 4:15; 2 Timothy 1:13; 2:22-25).

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