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"But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ" (Eph. 4: 15).

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Speaking the truth to your spouse or beloved is also an act of love. We live in a culture where lying is easy, especially to the one who is closest to you. I also made the mistake of lying about little things, not knowing that that lie builds momentum and one day comes back with a bang when least expected. We must speak the truth even if it means that it will put us in the wrong and in big trouble with our mate. Lying comes from our enemy the devil and he is the master of all lies. His entire make up is a lie. If we lie about something we open a door of opportunity for the evil one to work in our lives.

If we take a look at Ephesians 6, we find the importance of speaking the truth. The apostle Paul said that speaking the truth is also a powerful weapon we must use in our spiritual warfare daily.

Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, Colossians 3:9

Lying is just a short term solution, causing long term devastation. Speaking the truth in everything may seem hard if we start to focus on it. Lying is like anything else that comes from darkness. It may start small, but at the end you will start to lie more frequently and about everything. Ask your Lord and Saviour, Jesus, to help you get your tongue in shape: Speak only truths and wholesome words. A trap I also stepped in was the telling of half truths or making a story bigger than it really was. This is also seen as a lie because truth is truth, nothing more or nothing less. Speaking the truth makes us free, even when it may seem we suffer as a result. We are actually doing what the Word of God wants us to do. Like I said many times before, the power of Life and death is in the tongue, and the one who uses it will reap the fruits. It's actually a very scary thought. When we speak we prophesy over our own lives, blessing or cursing it.

But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. Colossians 3:8

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John, who wrote Revelations, said that he felt so unclean when the Lord took him up to heaven, because of the words he had spoken. Our words have the power to build up or tear down. The important point we want to get to in this devotional is that you must always strive to be truthful with your mate. Speak the truth to each other and your relationship will grow to the potential the Lord wants you to.

'These are the things which you should do: speak the truth to one another; judge with truth and judgment for peace in your gates.' Zechariah 8:16

Love speaks the truth.