

1. Treat these different age and gender groups in your church like you would treat your own family.
 - A. The universal Church is the family of God. Eph 2:19; Gal. 6:10
 - B. The local church is God's family with [close](#) relationships characterized by love. John 13:34-35
2. Family life [necessitates](#) loving confrontation of sin and loving discipline of sinners.
 - A. The condition of the spiritual family in Ephesus called for some [correction](#).
 - B. That's what parents do in the process of growing, raising and governing a family. And that's what elders and mature Christians do in the [process](#) of growing, raising and governing the spiritual family, the local church.
3. 1 Tim. 5:1-2 explains the [manner](#) in which confrontation and exhortation should be done.
 - A. Be clear and direct, gentle and [kind](#).
 - B. Exhort so as to encourage [toward](#) certain attitudes and actions.
 - Treat older men with the same [respect](#) and deference you would show your own dearly loved father.
 - Treat younger men with more directness, as you would your own brothers, all the while in humility and love, affirming and protecting their [dignity](#).
 - Treat older women [gently](#) as dearly loved mothers.
 - Treat younger women like you would treat your own sister, with all sexual [purity](#).
4. **In case you're wondering...**
 - A. Matthew 7:1 "Judge not, lest you be judged." does not negate this instruction to confront and to exhort.
 - B. In Matthew 7 Jesus was talking about hypocritically condemning others for their sins, while you ignore major sins in your own life.
 - He didn't say that we aren't to remove specks from our brother's eye.
 - He did say that we are to deal with the log in our own eye first.
 - C. See Galatians 6:1-2 and James 5:19-20.

Message

Say it nicely!

So What? Now What? Action Points:

- Is there someone you need to talk to?
- How can you say it being clear and kind?