

The Painful Truth

“Whatever things are true...
meditate on these things.”

Philippians 4:8



I. The Truth Can Hurt

- Painful Truths to the Galatians
(Gal. 3:1; 1:6; 4:15-16; 5:4)
- Painful Truths to the Corinthians
(I Cor. 3:1; 5:1-8; II Cor. 7:8-12)



II. Avoiding Truth

- Marriage and Divorce (Mt. 19:9)
- Homosexuality (Rm. 1:25-27)
- Personal Sin (Ac. 2:36-37)
- Eternal Punishment (II Th. 1:7-9)



II. Avoiding Truth

We Are Not Immune:

“Believing that the Bible is clear is harmful because if people disagree, it must be because they are evil (purposefully ignoring its clarity to sin), or because they are ignorant (not smart enough to understand what is obvious).”



II. Avoiding Truth

- Truth Is Clear
(Rm. 16:25-26)
- Truth Takes Thought
(II Ti. 2:7; I Pe. 1:14)



III. Truth Requires Devotion

- Count the Cost
(Lk. 14:26-27, 33)
- Difficult Obedience
(Gn. 22:12; Ez 10:1-3; Ac. 21:10-14)
- Drawing Lines
(Josh. 24:14-15)
- Not Being Wishy Washy
(Nm. 25:6-8)



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“...the truth shall make you free”

John 8:32

