

*The truth is willing to be as painful as
it has to be in order to remain the truth*

August 24

All of us have been tempted to lie when telling the truth meant hurting a friend. But even if we change the truth a little to make it less offensive, then it isn't the truth anymore.

Imagine building a house without applying the standards of "true" measurement. If you allowed an inch off here, a less-than-square measurement there, the end result could be disastrous.

At times the truth can be difficult to accept and Jesus knew this better than anyone else. Yet, he told His closest companions they had to give up their own selfish desires in order to follow Him. It was not a popular message, but a powerful one. Only the truth has the power necessary to secure a person's life. Anything less is empty. You can be cleansed by the truth ... the Word of God is truth.

Prayer for Today

Lord, even when the truth hurts, help me listen and be willing to change. Also, Lord, give me the grace to be responsibly honest with others so that they may benefit from the truth as well.

Scriptures for Today

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy Word is truth. (KJV)

Mark 8:34 "...If any of you wants to be my follower," Jesus told them, "you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and follow me." (NLT)

John 8:32 And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (NLT)