

Ought to be the plea of every listener of God's word.

- ➤ Prov. 23:23 Truth: A precious commodity!
- ▶ Prov. 3:3-4 Make truth a part of you.
- ➤ Rom. 1:25 Danger: Exchanging the truth for a lie.
- > 2 Tim. 4:3-4 Beware itching ears.



1 Kings 22:16

The obligation of every messenger of God's word.

- ➤ 1 Kings 22:13-14 Two kinds of messengers:
 - o Tote the party line.
 - Say what the Lord says.
- Acts 4:18-20 and Acts 5:27-32 Council versus apostles.
- ➤ 2 Tim. 4:1-5 Messenger's obligation both "in season" and "out of season."



Can be expected to bring pain to the unfaithful.

- ➤ 1 Kings 22:8 "I hate him!"

 Old Turkish Proverb: "If you speak the truth, have a foot in the stirrup!"
- > Acts 5:33 "Cut to the quick" (NAS).
- ➤ 1 Kings 18:17-18 Whose fault is the pain?
- ► Acts 2:37 The good kind of cut: "What shall we do?"



A wonderful statement, but only when accompanied by determination to obey.

- Beware empty accolades.
 - o "Good sermon!"
 - o "I needed that!"
 - "You stepped on my toes today!"
 - "Keep preaching the truth!"
- ➤ Are you determined to do what the truth says even when it cuts?



What is the truth?

- ➤ John 14:6 Jesus is the way, the TRUTH, and the life.
- ▶ John 18:37 Jesus came to bear witness of the TRUTH.
- ➤ John 8:32 The TRUTH shall make you free.

What is your attitude toward Jesus and the truth He and His apostles taught?

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