**Telling The Truth**

**The great advantage of telling the truth is that one’s so much more likely to sound convincing. *(Susan Howatch, in Absolute Truths)***

**Always tell the truth. You may make a hole in one when you’re alone on the golf course someday. *(Franklin P. Jones, in Quote magazine)***

**If you want to annoy your neighbors, tell the truth about them. *(Pietro Aretino, 16th-century satirist)***

**When I tell the truth, it is not for the sake of convincing those who do not know it, but for the sake of defending those that do. *(William Blake)***

**One of the late comedian George Burns's professional idols was vaudevillian Frank Fay, known for his quick wit. Once, the story goes, Fay had to appear to testify in court. While being sworn in, he was asked his name and occupation. "Frank Fry," he replied. "World's greatest entertainer." Later, his lawyer demanded to know why he felt it necessary to answer that way. Fay replied, "I was under oath." *(Larry Gelbart, in Laughing Matters)***

**A New Hampshire doctor is facing disciplinary action for advising an obese patient to lose weight or risk serious health problems. Dr. Terry Bennett has apologized in writing for offending the unnamed woman, but the state attorney general's office is now demanding that he take a medical education course and admit that he made a mistake. "I've made many errors in my lifetime," said Bennett. "Telling the truth is not one of them." *(The Week magazine, September 9, 2005)***

**Fiction is where I go to tell the truth. *(Pat Conroy)***

**Do not mistake friendship for a license to tell the truth. More pain has been inflicted by indiscriminate truth-telling than by lies. Honesty too often means being hurtful and wounding someone. As long as you keep true counsel with yourself, it doesn’t hurt if you dissemble with a friend. *(David Brown, in The Rest of Your Life Is the Best of Your Life)***

**I don’t want any yes-men around me. I want everybody to tell me the truth even if it costs them their jobs. *(Samuel Goldwyn)***

**It is hard to tell the truth, for although there is one, it is alive and constantly changes its face. *(Franz Kafka)\***

**Dennis who is already sitting in the corner says to his Mom: “First you say, ‘Never tell a lie,’ then you ask me to tell Margaret I’m sorry I hit her with a snowball!” *(Hank Ketcham, in Dennis the Menace comic strip)***

**David Casstevens of the Dallas Morning News tells a story about Frank Szymanski, a Notre Dame center in the 1940s, who had been called as a witness in a civil suit at South Bend. "Are you on the Notre Dame football team this year?" the judge asked. "Yes, Your Honor." "What position?" "Center, Your Honor." "How good a center?" Szymanski squirmed in his seat, but said firmly: "Sir, I'm the best center Notre Dame has ever had." Coach Frank Leahy, who was in the courtroom, was surprised. Szymanski always has been modest and unassuming. So when the proceedings were over, he took Szymanski aside andasked why he had made such a statement. Szymanski blushed. "I hated to do it, Coach," he said. "But, after all, I was under oath." *(Chicken Soup for the Soul)***

**If nothing else works, it may be necessary to tell the truth. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot Shots)***

**Psychologists insist a person who lies takes a little longer to answer questions than one who tells the truth. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Being ridiculous is one of the best ways to tell the truth. *(Nadya Tolokonnikova, Russian activist and Pussy Riot member)***

**Tell the truth, or someone will tell it for you. *(Stephanie Klein, writer)***

**If you tell the truth you don’t have to remember anything. (*Mark Twain)***

**Not everything is unsayable in words, only the truth. *(Eugene Ionesco)***

**Whenever I drove my old car over 55 miles per hour, it vibrated terribly, so I decided to sell it. My first customer wanted to buy the car, and I battled with my conscience over whether or not to tell him of the vehicle’s problem. Finally I did the right thing. Expecting him to drop the deal, I was surprised by his reply. “That’s okay,” he said. “I’m buying this car for my daughter. If she complains about a vibration, I’ll know she’s driving too fast.” *(Richard B. Schollhammer, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Whoever tells the truth is chased out of nine villages. *(Turkish proverb)***

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