**Winning / Losing**

**My philosophy is that every phone conversation has a loser. *(Scott Adams, cartoonist)***

**After a time, all losses are the same. One more thing lost is one thing less to lose; and we go stripped at last the way we came. *(Catherine Breese Davis, poet)***

**Sooner or later, those who win are those who think they can. *(Richard Bach, American writer)***

**Winning isn't everything, but it beats anything that comes in second. *(Paul W. Bear Bryant)***

**Some defeats are only installments to victory. *(Jacob Riis, social reformer)***

**After he was defeated for the Presidency, Thomas E. Dewey said the best analogy of his feelings the day after -- when he saw defeat snatched from the jaws of victory -- was of the mourner who had passed out from too much drinking at a wake and was laid in a spare coffin in the funeral parlor, to sleep it off. When he came to and realized where he was, he asked himself, "If I'm alive, why am I in this coffin? And if I'm dead, why do I have to go to the bathroom?" *(Quote magazine)***

**Drink champagne for defeats as well as for victories. It tastes the same, and you need it more. *(Edmund Ward, in The Main Chance)***

**Your ability to be a winner 100 percent of the time is based upon giving up the notion that losing at anything is equivalent to being a loser. *(Wayne W. Dyer, in Staying on the Path)***

**When you are in any contest, you should work as if there were -- to the very last minute -- a chance to lose it. This is a battle, this is politics, this is anything. *(Dwight D. Eisenhower)***

**In the game of life it’s a good idea to have a few early losses, which relieves you of the pressure of trying to maintain an undefeated season. *(Bill Vaughan)***

**Winning has a joy and discrete purity to it that cannot be replaced by anything else. (*A. Bartlett Giamatti)***

**Winning depends on where you put your priorities. It's usually best to put them over the fence. *(Jason Giambi)***

**You may glory in a team triumphant, but you fall in love with a team in defeat. *(Roger Kahn, sportswriter)***

**A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: The trouble with being a good sport is that you have to lose to prove it. *(Reminisce magazine)***

**Sometimes it's worse to win a fight than to lose. *(Billie Holiday)***

**You're never as good as everyone tells you when you win, and you're never as bad as they say when you lose. *(Lou Holtz with John Heisler, in The Fighting Spirit)***

**If you cannot win, make the one ahead of you break the record. *(Jan McKeithen, in Camden County, Georgia, Tribune)***

**It doesn't matter if you win or lose, until you lose. *(Angie Papadakis)***

**A champion is afraid of losing. Everyone else is afraid of winning. *(Billie Jean King, tennis champ)***

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**Victory is won not in miles but in inches. Win a little now, hold your ground, and later win a little more. *(Louis L'Amour, in The Walking Drum)***

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**Most lawyers who win a case advise their clients that "we have won" and, when justice has frowned upon their cause, that "you have lost." *(Louis Nizer)***

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**If you can accept losing, you can't win*. (Vince Lombardi)***

**We didn't lose the game; we just ran out of time. *(Vince Lombardi)***

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**When you're winsome you win some. *(D. L. Moody)***

**In victory, you deserve Champagne. In defeat, you need it. *(Napoleon Bonaparte)***

**Whoever said "It's not whether you win or lose that counts" probably lost. *(Martina Navratilova)***

**A man is not finished when he's defeated. He is finished when he quits. *(Richard Nixon)***

**Whoever is winning at the moment will always seem to be invincible. *(George Orwell)***

**Winning is overemphasized. The only time it is really important is in surgery and war. (*Coach Al McGuire)***

**Law-school professor to students: "Oh, you win some and you lose some, but remember -- you get paid for all of them. *(Baloo, in Good Housekeeping)***

**The winner sees a green near every sand trap; the loser sees two or three sand traps near every green. *(William Arthur Ward)***

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**Show me a good loser and I'll show you a loser. *(America's Almanac - 2013, p. 66)***

**Show me a man who is a good loser and I'll show you a man who is playing golf with his boss. *(Nebraska Smoke-Eater)***

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**Brazil's worst soccer team has started winning games -- and its fans are furious. Ibis Sport's supporters are proud of its reputation as the "worst team in the world" and were shocked when the club broke its two-year losing streak by winning three straight matches. Fans stormed a bar where players were celebrating and demanded they stop scoring goals. A fan complained Ibis was becoming "just another winning team," adding, "It's the coach's fault*." (The Week magazine, December 22 / December 29, 2017)***

**The trouble with being in the rat race is that even if you win you're still a rat. *(Lily Tomlin, actress and writer)***

**Giving every kid a trophy: "Losing is good for you," said Ashley Merryman. But as your children return to school and fall sports, they are stepping back into a fantasyland where everybody is a winner and everybody gets a trophy. "Trophies were once rare things," but manufacturers now churn out $3 billion worth of them a year. In one California youth soccer league, every player gets at least one trophy, and a third get two. Our kids are not fooled: By age 5, research shows that "they are surprisingly accurate in identifying who excels and who struggles." Telling them that everything they do is wonderful "does not inspire children to succeed." It undermines their motivation to compete and strive for excellence, breeds narcissism, and leaves them unprepared for life's inevitable failures, which come as a crushing shock. Think about how those traits play out once young people get to competitive colleges, or move out into the work world. Losing teaches children about their strengths and weaknesses, about persistence and about graciousness in defeat. It helps build character. To raise successful kids, we need fewer trophies and more losing. *(The Week magazine, October 11, 2013)***

**Losing is simply learning how to win. *(Ted Turner)***

**You celebrate the victory, but you analyze the defeat. *(Bill Walton)***

**A loser says that's the way it's always been done. A winner says there ought to be a better way. *(Sydney J. Harris, columnist)***

**There are victories of the soul and spirit. Sometimes, even if you lose, you win. *(Elie Wiesel)***

**One likes people much better when they're battered down by a prodigious siege of misfortune than when they triumph. *(Virginia Woolf)***

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