

Be Honest; Always Tell the Truth

Make honesty a part of your character. Fight never to yield to the temptation to be dishonest. Sometimes the truth hurts. But in the long run, it never hurts as badly as being dishonest.

If someone catches you in a falsehood, it almost destroys, if indeed it doesn't destroy, your credibility with that person. And he will find it difficult to trust you the next time.

The board of a certain company was meeting, trying to decide what to do. When one member suggested that honesty is the best policy, the chairman of the board quickly asked, "And what's the next best policy?" Honesty is not only the best policy; it should be the only policy.

It pays to be honest, but we should not be honest because it pays: we should be honest because it is right. If you are honest simply because it pays, you are not honest but greedy.