

Telling the Truth

~Other Speakers S-Z: Mary Wilder Tileston:

Lying lips are abomination to the Lord, but they that deal truly are His delight.
PROVERBS 12:22

Wherefore, putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor; for we are members one of another.
EPHESIANS 4:25

IT seems to me, that the shortest way to check the darker forms of deceit is to set watch more scrupulous against those which have mingled, unregarded and unchastised, with the current of our life. Do not let us lie at all. Do not think of one falsity as harmless, and another as slight, and another as unintended. Cast them all aside; they may be light and accidental; but they are an ugly soot from the smoke of the pit, for all that; and it is better that our hearts should be swept clean of them, without over care as to which is largest or blackest. Speaking truth is like writing fair, and comes only by practice; it is less a matter of will than of habit, and I doubt if any occasion can be trivial which permits the practice and formation of such a habit.

JOHN RUSKIN

If you tell the truth, you have infinite power supporting you; but if not, you have infinite power against you.
CHARLES GEORGE GORDON