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Brevity and conciseness are the parents of correction.

- Ballou, Hosea

There's a great power in words, if you don't hitch too many of them together.

- Billings, Josh

Brevity is the best recommendation of speech, whether in a senator or an orator.

- Cicero, Marcus T.

Brevity is a great charm of eloquence.

- Cicero, Marcus T.

Never be so brief as to become obscure.

- Edwards, Tryon

The more you say, the less people remember. The fewer the words, the greater the profit.

- FeNelon, Francois

Good things, when short, are twice as good.

- Gracian, Baltasar

It wasn't by accident that the Gettysburg address was so short. The laws of prose writing are as immutable as those of flight, of mathematics, of physics.

- Hemingway, Ernest

I strive to be brief, and I become obscure.

- Horace

The most valuable of all talents is that of never using two words when one will do.

- Jefferson, Thomas

It is no great art to say something briefly when, like Tacitus, one has something to say; when one has nothing to say, however, and none the less writes a whole book and makes truth into a liar -- that I call an achievement.

- Lichtenberg, Georg C.

The fewer the words, the better the prayer.

- Luther, Martin

It is my ambition to say in ten sentences; what others say in a whole book.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Brevity is the soul of wit, and tediousness the limbs and outward flourishes.

- Shakespeare, William

If you would be pungent, be brief; for it is with words as with sunbeams -- the more they are condensed, the deeper they burn.

- Southey, Robert

I will be brief. Not nearly so brief as Salvador Dali, who gave the world's shortest speech. He said I will be so brief I have already finished, and he sat down.

- Wilson, Edward O.



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