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Courage to face current reality . . .

During World War II, Winston Churchill set up what he called the Statistical Office. The purpose of this organization was to ensure that he received the brutal facts. To protect this unit from the military bureaucracy that surrounded him, he placed the Statistical Office outside of his generals' chain of command. He was wise enough to recognize that it would be impossible for him to make good decisions without accurate, and at times painful, information. The same is true for us. But, facing the painful truth requires courage.

Jim Collins further emphasizes this point by saying, "Leadership does not begin just with vision. It begins with getting people to confront the brutal facts and to act on the implications."

Facing current reality is often nasty, but always necessary. Nasty because it may entail acknowledging that we aren't as far along as we thought we were. Necessary because we can't get to where we need to be if we don't know where we are to begin with.

Having this type of courage works with relationships, ball team progress, company goal attainment, and even church development.

Attempting to lead while turning a blind eye to reality is like treading water. It can only go on for so long. Eventually, we will sink. Let's be willing to face the truth regardless of how painful it might be.

Have a positively confrontational week!