

*Maxim: "Just tell the truth. It will save you every time." – Oprah Winfrey*

Oprah Winfrey once stated, "Just tell the truth, it will save you every time." I wish I knew Oprah when I was five years old, because Oprah could have prevented me from getting into a lot of trouble with my parents.

When I was five years old, I remember getting into the kitchen cabinet and taking candy from the cookie jar. I was always told not to get any candy or cookies without first asking my mom or dad. One day my dad asked me if I ate any cookies. I told him no. My dad asked me what was on my lips. I took my fingers and rubbed my lips and found that part of a cookie was stuck on the side of my mouth. My dad was very angry and disappointed that I did not tell him the truth. If I would have told the truth, I would probably only have been yelled at. Instead, I had to go spend the day in my bedroom and write one-hundred times that I will not take cookies without asking mom or dad.

Now, I am nine years old. For the past four years, I have learned that telling the truth is very important. One day I was riding my bike at my friend's house. As we were riding our bikes, I ran into my friend's brother's car causing a scratch to the side panel of the car. My friends all ran away because they knew their older brother would be very mad. When I came home, I told my dad how I caused damage to the car.

That evening, my dad and I called the owner of the car, and I agreed to pay for the damage that I caused. I worked all summer to save \$350 to repair the damage. I worked all summer and by telling the truth, many people hired me when they heard the reason why I needed to earn \$350.

Telling the truth saved me many days in my bedroom. When my neighbors learned about what I was doing to repay for damages that I caused, they told their kids that Enzo did the right thing and

helped another person in a way that could change the world. Oprah is right! “Just tell the truth. It will save you every time.”