

The Knife and the Tongue

Humility is a quality much admired in people. The lack of it, or arrogance, is a certain turnoff.

Bob Phillips, editor with Harvest House Publishers, tells a story illustrating that truth.



A surgeon was invited to a friend's house for a dinner party. Before the meat was carved, the host looked to the surgeon and said, "Would you like to do the honors, Doc?"

The surgeon politely declined, and the host went on to slice the meat.

"How's that for technique?" the host asked, while making a sweeping motion with the knife.

The surgeon laughed good-naturedly, along with the rest of the guests.

"I'd make a decent surgeon, don't you think?" the host prodded as he cut into the roast.

Again, the surgeon laughed.

"It's all in the wrist, eh, Doc?" the host blabbered on. "Watch out, I might take your job."

The surgeon remained cheerful, although he was getting a bit annoyed with his host's remarks.

"What do you think of that?" the host said as he held a platter of sliced meat in the surgeon's face.

"Not bad," the surgeon replied. "Now let's see you put them back together."

Enough said.

– Beecher Hunter