

Tenacity vs. Obstinacy

Tenacity stays with it;
obstinacy stays with it--
even when it shouldn't!

Tenacity digs in,
so that it can move on;
obstinacy digs in--
and remains there.

Tenacity perseveres
to ensure growth;
obstinacy perseveres
to result in stagnation.

Tenacity looks ahead,
but does not exclude
lateral vision;
obstinacy keeps
its blinders on.

Tenacity knows
that it is only
a means to an end;
obstinacy looks on itself
as the goal.

The tenacious
will engage
in dialogue;
the obstinate
will subject you
to a monologue.

The tenacious
can be gracious;
the obstinate
are usually
obdurate.

Working with
the tenacious
is felicitous;
to deal with
the obstinate
is frustrating.

Therefore,
instill the capacity
into your tenacity
to prevent
the audacity
of unbridled
obstinacy.

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