

## Wisdom

**Proverb:** A short pithy saying in frequent & widespread use that expresses a basic truth or practical precept.

**1KI 4:29** God gave Solomon wisdom & exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore. 32 He (Solomon) spoke **three thousand proverbs**, and his songs were one thousand and five.

**Patience is the ability to keep your motor idling when you feel like stripping your gears.**

**PRO 16:32** Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.

**When God measures a man, He puts the tape around the heart instead of the head.**

**ISA 16:7b** The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

**The grass may look greener on the other side, but it still has to be mowed.**

**HEB 13:5** Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

**He who is waiting for something to turn up might start with his own shirt sleeves.**

**PRO 14:23** All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

**It is better to be silent and be considered a fool than to speak and remove all doubt.**

**ECC 10:3** Even as he walks along the road, the fool lacks sense and shows everyone how stupid he is.

**Remember the banana--when it left the bunch, it got skinned.**

**HEB 10:25** Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Many a good man has failed because he had his wishbone where his backbone should have been.**

**JOS 1:9** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

**If at first you don't succeed, try reading the instructions.**

**PRO 4:13** Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.

**Your temper is like a fire. It gets very destructive when it gets out of control.**

**PRO 25:28** Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control.

**A person's true character is revealed by what he does when no one is watching.**

**EPH 6:6** Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.

**Decisions can take you out of God's will, but never out of His reach.**

**2TI 2:13** if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

**"No" is one of the few words that can never be misunderstood.**

**MAT 5:37** Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

**Too many churchgoers sing "Standing on the Promises" when all they do is sit on the premises.**  
**HEB 6:12** We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

**Companions are like the buttons on an elevator. They will take you up or down to their level.**

**PRO 13:20** He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.

**There is a name for people who are not excited about their work--unemployed.**

**COL 3:23** Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,

**Patience is a quality you admire in the driver behind you and scorn in the one ahead.**

**ECC 7:8** The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride. 9 Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools.

**Some complain that God put thorns on roses; others praise Him for putting roses among thorns.**  
**PHI 4:8** Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.

**It is better to die with a good name than to live with a bad one.**

**ECC 7:1** A good name is better than fine perfume, and the day of death better than the day of birth.

**You should never let adversity get you down—except on your knees.**

**JAM 5:13** Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise.

**The cure for crime is not in the electric chair,  
but in the high chair.**

**PRO 22:6** Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

**The bridge you burn now may be the one  
you later have to cross.**

**ROM 12:18** If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

**Real friends are those who, when you've made a fool  
of yourself, don't feel you've done a permanent job.**

**1CO 13:7** Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

**Be careful that your marriage doesn't  
become a duel instead of a duet.**

**ROM 14:19** Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

**To forgive is to set a prisoner free and  
discover that the prisoner was YOU!**

**MAT 6:14** For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

**Conscience is God's built-in warning system.**

**Be very happy when it hurts you.**

**Be very worried when it doesn't.**

**ACT 24:16** So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man.

**Most men forget God all day and ask Him to  
remember them at night.**

**PSA 55:17** Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice.

**Success in marriage is more than finding the right  
person. It is becoming the right person.**

**1TI 6:11** But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

**The measure of a man's character is not what he gets  
from his ancestors, but what he leaves his  
descendants.**

**PRO 13:22** A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.

**Success comes in cans; failure comes in can'ts.**

**PHI 4:13** I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

**It's good to be a Christian and know it,  
but it's better to be a Christian and show it!**

**JOH 13:35** By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

**The measure of a man is not how great his faith is,  
but how great his love is.**

**1CO 13:13** And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

**Take care of your character,  
and your reputation will take care of itself.**

**1TI 4:8** For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. 22 A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.

**The mighty oak was once a little nut  
that stood its ground.**

**PRO 12:3** A man cannot be established through wickedness, but the righteous cannot be uprooted.

**Sorrow looks back. Worry looks around.  
Faith looks up.**

**HEB 12:2** Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Although the tongue weighs very little,  
few people are able to hold it.**

**JAM 3:5** Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.

**If you don't stand for something,  
you'll fall for anything.**

**ISA 7:9b** If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all."

**It is good to remember that the tea kettle,  
although**

**up to its neck in hot water, continues to sing.**

**1TH 5:16** Be joyful always; 17 pray continually; 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

**The difference between ordinary and  
extraordinary is that little extra.**

**ECC 9:10** Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.

**The heart is happiest when it beats for others.**

**JOH 15:13** Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

**Failure is caused more by lack of determination than in lack of talent.**

**GAL 6:9** Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

**A man is rich according to what he IS, not according to what he HAS.**

**PRO 13:7** One man pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth.

**Life can only be understood by looking backward, but it must be lived by looking forward.**

**LUK 9:62** Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

**Sometimes we are so busy adding up our troubles that we forget to count our blessings.**

**PSA 77:11** I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.

**Failure is not in falling, but in not rising again.**

**PRO 24:16** for though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again, but the wicked are brought down by calamity.

**The best inheritance a father can leave his children is a good example.**

**1TH 2:11** For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children,

**God intervenes in the affairs of men, but by invitation only.**

**REV 3:20** Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

**He who thinks by the inch and talks by the yard deserves to be kicked by the foot.**

**PRO 18:6** A fool's lips bring him strife, and his mouth invites a beating.

**Now there's even a "dial-a-prayer" for atheists.... you call the number and nobody answers.**

**PSA 14:1** The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

**The hardest secret for a man to keep is his opinion of himself.**

**ROM 12:3** For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.

**The company you keep will determine the trouble you meet.**

**PRO 22:24** Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered, 25 or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared.

**One thing you can learn by watching the clock is that it passes time by keeping its hands busy.**

**PRO 18:9** One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys.

**Kindness is the oil that takes the friction out of life.**

**GAL 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

**Too many parents are not on spanking terms with their children.**

**PRO 13:24** He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.

**If a task is once begun, never leave it 'till it's done. Be the labor great or small, do it well or not at all.**

**JOH 17:4** I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

**Swallowing angry words is much better than having to eat them.**

**PRO 29:11** A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.

**The heart of a man cannot be determined by the size of his pocketbook.**

**MAR 8:36** What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? 37 Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?

**Men are like fish. Neither would get into trouble if they kept their mouths shut.**

**PRO 21:23** He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity.

**It isn't your position that makes you happy or unhappy, it's your disposition.**

**1TI 6:6** But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

**A marriage may be made in heaven, but the maintenance must be done on earth.**

**EPH 5:33** However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

**Some people succeed because they are destined to, but most succeed because they are determined to.**

**EPH 6:13** Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

**You can easily determine the caliber of a person by the amount of opposition it takes to discourage him.**

**PRO 24:10** If you falter in times of trouble, how small is your strength!

**A critical spirit is like poison ivy--it only takes a little contact to spread its poison.**

**2TI 2:16** Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. 17 Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,

**The best way to get the last word is to apologize.**

**PRO 6:2** if you have been trapped by what you said, ensnared by the words of your mouth, 3 then do this, my son, to free yourself, since you have fallen into your neighbor's hands: Go and humble yourself; press your plea with your neighbor!

**True faith and courage are like a kite---an opposing wind only raises it higher.**

**ISA 40:31** but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

**Laziness and poverty are cousins.**

**PRO 24:33** A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest--34 and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.

**The fellow who does things that count doesn't usually stop to count them.**

**PHI 4:13** I can do everything through him who gives me strength. 14 Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.

**Faith is daring the soul to go beyond what the eyes can see.**

**HEB 11:1** Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

**2CO 5:7** We live by faith, not by sight.

**The best way to forget your own problems is too help someone solve his.**

**PHI 2:4** Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

**Reputation is made in a moment; character is built in a lifetime.**

**JOB 27:6** I will maintain my righteousness and never let go of it; my conscience will not reproach me as long as I live. Time is more valuable than money because time is irreplaceable.

**EPH 5:16** making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

**God can heal a broken heart, but he has to have all the pieces.**

**PRO 23:26** My son, give me your heart and let your eyes keep to my ways,

**Authority makes some people grow---and others just swell.**

**MAT 23:11** The greatest among you will be your servant. 12 For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

**Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore.**

**MAT 14:28** "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." 29 "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

**The trouble with the guy who talks too fast is that he often says something he hasn't thought of yet.**

**ECC 5:2** Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.

**Be more concerned with what God thinks about you than what people think about you.**

**ACT 5:29** Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men!"

**Forget yourself for others and others will not forget you.**

**MAT 7:12** So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

**The secret of success is to start from scratch and keep on scratching.**

**LUK 8:15** But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

**The train of failure usually runs on the track of laziness.**

**ECC 10:18** If a man is lazy, the rafters sag; if his hands are idle, the house leaks.

**The secret of contentment is the realization that life is a gift, not a right.**

**1TI 6:6** But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

**No one ever said on their deathbed, "I wish I would have spent more time at work."**

**ECC 2:18** I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me.

**COL 3:23** Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,

**In order to receive direction from God you must first be able to receive correction from God.**

**HEB 12:5** And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, 6 because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son."

**Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.**

**GAL 6:7** Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

**No man ever really finds out what he believes in until he begins to instruct his children.**

**EPH 6:4** Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

**It's the little things in life that determine the big things.**

**MAT 25:21** "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

**Your words are windows to your heart for all to hear.**

**MAT 12:34** You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.

**The doors of opportunity are marked "Push" and "Pull".**

**PRO 13:4** The sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied.

**The only fool bigger than the person who knows it all is the person who argues with him.**

**PRO 9:7** "Whoever corrects a mocker invites insult; whoever rebukes a wicked man incurs abuse.

**Contentment isn't getting what we want but being satisfied with what we have.**

**PHI 4:11** I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

**You can't take your money with you, but you can send it on ahead.**

**MAT 6:19** Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

**Take care of your character, and you reputation will take care of itself.**

**1TI 4:8** For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

**PRO 13:22** A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.

**Too many people quit looking for work when they find a job.**

**PRO 18:9** One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys.

**Ability will enable a man to reach the top, but it takes character to keep him there.**

**PRO 11:5** The righteousness of the blameless makes a straight way for them, but the wicked are brought down by their own wickedness.

**Don't be afraid of pressure. That's what turns a lump of coal into a diamond.**

**JAM 1:3** because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

**The best way to be successful is to follow the advice you give others.**

**PRO 15:32** He who ignores discipline despises himself, but whoever heeds correction gains understanding.

**You cannot win if you do not begin.**

**2CO 8:11** Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.

**The first step to wisdom is silence; the second is listening.**

**PRO 1:5** let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance--

**A drowning man does not complain about the size of a life preserver.**

**PHI 2:14** Do everything without complaining or arguing,

**"Luck" is a losers excuse for a winner's position.**

**PRO 13:4** The sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied.

**A minute of thought is worth more than an hour of talk.**

**PSA 141:3** Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.

**Do the thing you fear and the death of fear is certain.**

**DEU 31:6** Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

**Jesus is a friend who knows all your faults and still loves you anyway.**

**ROM 5:8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Ignorance is always swift to speak.**

**JAM 1:19** My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,

**Pick your friends, but not to pieces.**

**PRO 25:18** Like a club or a sword or a sharp arrow is the man who gives false testimony against his neighbor.

**What counts is not the number of hours you put in, but how much you put into the hours.**

**ECC 9:10** Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.

**Learn from others mistakes rather than making them all yourself.**

**PRO 12:15** The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.

**You don't have to lie awake nights to succeed---- just stay awake days.**

**JOH 9:4** As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

**Even a woodpecker owes his success to the fact that he uses his head.**

**2TI 4:5** But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

**A shut mouth gathers no foot.**

**PRO 13:3** He who guards his lips guards his life, but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin.

**Whoever gossips to you will be a gossip of you.**

**PRO 11:13** A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.

**The most valuable gift you can give another is a good example.**

**JOH 13:15** I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

**You can win more friends with your ears than with your mouth.**

**JAM 1:19** My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,

**Every person should have a special cemetery lot in which to bury the faults of friends & loved ones.**

**EPH 4:32** Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

**He who throws dirt loses ground.**

**EPH 4:25** Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

**God plus is one is always a majority.**

**ROM 8:31** What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?

**The greatest possession you have is the 24 hours directly in front of you.**

**ECC 3:17** I thought in my heart, 'God will bring to judgment both the righteous and the wicked, for there will be a time for every activity, a time for every deed.'

**Feed your faith, & your doubts will starve to death.**

**HEB 10:39** But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.

**It's not the outlook but the uplook that counts.**

**HEB 12:2** Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Put others before yourself, and you can become a leader among men.**

**MAT 20:26** Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave--

**Never pass up a chance to keep your mouth shut.**

**PRO 17:28** Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent, and discerning if he holds his tongue.

**You can accomplish more in one hour with God than one lifetime without Him.**

**MAT 19:26** Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

**If you feel "dog tired" at night, maybe it's because you "growled" all day.**

**ROM 12:18** If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

**Reputation is made in a moment; character is built in a lifetime.**

**JOB 27:6** I will maintain my righteousness and never let go of it; my conscience will not reproach me as long as I live.

**If you don't want the fruits of sin, stay out of the devil's orchard.**

**1TH 5:21** Test everything. Hold on to the good. 22 Avoid every kind of evil.

**Our children are like mirrors--- they reflect our attitudes in life.**

**PRO 20:7** The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him.

**He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.**

**MAT 6:14** For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

**Two things are hard on the heart--running up stairs and running down people.**

**EPH 4:29** Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

**Jesus is a friend who walks in when the world has walked out.**

**JOH 16:33** "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

**If a care is too small to be turned into a prayer, it is too small to be made into a burden.**

**1PE 5:7** Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

**Faith is daring the soul to go beyond what the eyes can see.**

**2CO 5:7** We live by faith, not by sight.

**Those who deserve love the least need it the most.**

**MAT 5:44** But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

**Laziness and poverty are cousins.**

**PRO 24:33** A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest-- 34 & poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.

**It's not hard to make a mountain out of a molehill.**

**Just add a little dirt.**

**PRO 17:14** Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.

**The right angle to approach a difficult problem is the "try-angle."**

**LUK 1:37** For nothing is impossible with God."

**MAR 9:23** "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."

**Humor is to life what shock absorbers are to automobiles.**

**PRO 17:22** A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

**The art of being a good guest is knowing when to leave.**

**PRO 25:17** Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house-- too much of you, and he will hate you.

**He who buries his talent is making a grave mistake.**

**1TI 4:14** Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

**Language is the expression of thought.**

**Every time you speak, your mind is on parade.**

**LUK 6:45** The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

**The only preparation for tomorrow is the right use of today.**

**MAT 6:34** Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

**The poorest of all men is not the man without a cent, but the man without a dream.**

**PRO 29:18** Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law.

**When things go wrong, don't go wrong with them.**

**PRO 4:14** Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evil men.

**The best way to get even is to forget.**

**LUK 6:35** But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

**People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.**

**PHI 2:3** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

**People who try to whittle you down are only trying to reduce you to their size.**

**LUK 6:22** Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. 23 "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets.

**Temper is what gets most of us into trouble. Pride is what keeps us there.**

**PRO 16:18** Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. 19 Better to be lowly in spirit and among the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud.

**A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small package.**

**PRO 18:2** A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions.

**If you want to make an easy job seem mighty hard, just keep putting off doing it.**

**JOS 18:3** So Joshua said to the Israelites: "How long will you wait before you begin to take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you?"

**People know what you are by what they see, not by what they hear.**

**MAT 5:16** In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

**Only when we have knelt before God, can we stand before men.**

**1PE 5:6** Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

**By perseverance the snail reached the Ark.**

**HEB 12:1** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

**We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.**

**ACT 20:35** In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

**It isn't your position that makes you happy or unhappy, it's your disposition.**

**1TI 6:6** But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

**Living would be easier if men showed as much patience at home as they do when they're fishing.**

**1PE 3:7** Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

**Quite often when a man thinks his mind is getting broader, it's only his conscience stretching.**

**TIT 1:15** To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted.

**Pray as if everything depended on God, and work as if everything depended upon man.**

**JAM 2:26** As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

**Hindsight explains the injury that foresight would have prevented.**

**PRO 4:6** Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. 12 When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble.

**The worst moment for the atheist is when he feels really thankful, but has no one to thank.**

**PSA 53:1** The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and their ways are vile; there is no one who does good.

**Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm.**

**PRO 24:10** If you falter in times of trouble, how small is your strength!

**It takes more to plow a field than merely turning it over in your mind.**

**1TH 4:11** Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, 12 so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.