

Proverbs and Sayings

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1. The best way to get even is to forget.
2. Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death.
3. God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.
4. Some folks wear their halos much too tight.
5. Some marriages are made in heaven, but they ALL have to be maintained on earth.
6. Unless you can create the WHOLE universe in 5 days, then perhaps giving "advice" to God, isn't such a good idea!
7. Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, and faith looks up.
8. Standing in the middle of the road is dangerous. You will get knocked down by the traffic from both directions.
9. Words are windows to the heart.
10. A skeptic is a person who, when he sees the handwriting on the wall, claims it's a forgery.
11. It isn't difficult to make a mountain out of a molehill - just add a little dirt.
12. A successful marriage isn't finding the right person-it's being the right person.
13. The mighty oak tree was once a little nut that held its ground.
14. Too many people offer God prayers, with claw marks all over them.
15. The tongue must be heavy indeed, because so few people can hold it.
16. To forgive is to set the prisoner free, and then discover the prisoner was you.
17. You have to wonder about some humans, they think God is dead and Elvis is alive!
18. It's all right to sit on your "pity pot" every now and again. Just be sure to flush when you are done.
19. You'll notice that a turtle only makes progress when it sticks out its neck.
20. If the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, you can bet the water bill is higher.
21. You are richer today if you have laughed, given, and forgiven.
22. The act is unjustifiable that either begs for a blessing, or, having succeeded gives no thanksgiving.
23. He who comes for the inheritance is often made to pay for the funeral.
24. It is useless to send armies against ideas.
25. He who is obsessed by death is made guilty by it.
26. A civil guest will no more talk all, than eat all the feast.
27. An optimist may see a light where there is none, but why must the pessimist always run to blow it out?
28. No great genius has ever existed without some touch of madness.

29. Clouds come floating into my life, no longer to carry rain or usher storm, but to add color to my sunset sky.
30. Forgotten is forgiven.
31. There is little less trouble in governing a private family than a whole kingdom.
32. The sure conviction that we could if we wanted to is the reason so many good minds are idle.
33. A coward is much more exposed to quarrels than a man of spirit.
34. A cynic is not merely one who reads bitter lessons from the past, he is one who is prematurely disappointed in the future. Life's a bitch, and life's got a lot of sisters.
35. Live out of your imagination, not your history. If you focus on results, you will never change. If you focus on change, you will get results.
36. The eye is the jewel of the body.
37. Ideas too are a life and a world.
38. Tears may be dried up, but the heart – never.
39. Making music should not be left to the professionals.
40. Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.
41. No government can be long secure without formidable opposition.
42. Being natural is simply a pose.
43. I wasted time, now time doth waste me.
44. Before anything else, preparation is the key to success.
45. A bit of fragrance clings to the hand that gives flowers.
46. Each person's life is lived as a series of conversations.
47. Vision without action is merely a dream; Action without vision just passes the time; Vision with action can change the world.
48. A nickel ain 't worth a dime anymore.
49. What we do for ourselves dies with us, what we do for others will stand forever.
50. You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying over the future.
51. Heading the wrong way? God allows U-turns.
52. Housework doesn't kill. But I'm not going to risk it.
53. Dear God, I have a problem – it's me.
54. Growing old is inevitable, growing UP is optional!
55. There is no key to happiness. The door is always open.
56. Silence is often misinterpreted, but never misquoted.
57. Do the math.. Count Your blessings.
58. Faith is the ability to not panic.
59. Laugh every day, it's like inner jogging.
60. If you worry, you didn't pray. If you pray, don't worry.
61. As a child of God, prayer is kind of like calling home everyday.
62. Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape.
63. The most important things in your home are the people.
64. When we get tangled up in our problems, be still. God wants us to be still so He can untangle the knot.
65. A grudge is a heavy thing to carry.
66. He who dies with the most toys is still dead.
67. We do not remember days, but moments. Life Is moving too fast, so enjoy your precious moments.

68. Nothing is real to you until you experience it, otherwise it's just hearsay.
69. Surviving and living your life successfully requires courage. The goals and dreams you're seeking require courage! and risk taking.
70. Life is uncertain; eat dessert first.
71. Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.
72. He that blesses others with his goodness is not necessarily a good man. He is a BLESSED man!
73. If the map doesn't agree with the ground, the map is wrong.
74. We are what we do.
75. It is difficult to remove by logic an idea not placed there by logic in the first place.
76. The statute of limitations has expired on most of our childhood traumas.
77. Any relationship is under control of the person who cares the least.
78. Feelings follow behavior.
79. Be bold and mighty forces will come to your aid.
80. The perfect is the enemy of the good.
81. Life's two most important questions are: Why and why not. The trick is knowing which one to ask.
82. Our greatest strengths are our greatest weaknesses.
83. The most secure prisons are those we construct for ourselves.
84. The problems of the elderly are frequently serious but seldom interesting.
85. Happiness is the ultimate risk.
86. True love is the apple of Eden.
87. Only bad things happen quickly.
88. Not all who wander are lost.
89. Unrequited love is painful but not romantic.
90. There is nothing more pointless or common than doing the same things and expecting different results.
91. We flee from the truth in vain.
92. It's a poor idea to lie to oneself.
93. We are all prone to the myth of the perfect stranger.
94. Love is never lost, not even in death.
95. Nobody likes to be told what to do.
96. The major advantage of illness is that it provides relief from responsibility.
97. We are afraid of the wrong things.
98. Parents have a limited ability to shape children's behavior, except for the worse.
99. The only real paradises are those we have lost.
100. Of all the forms of courage, the ability to laugh is the most profoundly therapeutic.
101. Mental health requires freedom of choice.
102. Forgiveness is a form of letting go, but they are not the same.
103. The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.
104. ~ words from an Arabic sage ~
He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is a fool. Shun him.
He who knows, and knows not that he knows, is asleep. Wake him.

He who knows not, and knows that he knows not, is simple. Teach him.

He who knows, and knows that he knows, is wise. Follow him.

105. Sooner or later a man who wears two faces forgets which one is real.
106. Make your theology that of Jesus, first and foremost – the theology of a denomination is where the trouble begins.
107. Thought, left you thinking.
108. A silent mouth is sweet to hear.
109. It's not what your future holds, but rather WHO holds your future.
110. Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass ... but about learning how to dance in the rain.
111. The mind that opens to a new idea never returns to its original size. ~ Albert Einstein
112. The best and most beautiful things cannot be seen or touched - they must be felt with the heart ~ Helen Keller
113. Bumper Sticker: Not So Mean–Not So Lean. But Still a MARINE!
114. Experience is what you get when you don't get what you want.
115. Grace is God reaching down - Faith is man reaching up.
116. Count your blessings by smiles, not tears. Count your age by friends, not years.
117. There is nothing wrong with doing what is Right.
118. Salvation comes by Mind reformation.
119. Man teaches us What to Think, God Teaches us HOW to Think!
120. Kindness is the language the blind can see and the deaf can hear.
121. The greatest of tyrannies are always perpetrated in the noblest of causes.
122. When the illusion of control disappears, we become men and women of prayer.
123. I'd love to agree with you, but then, we'd both be wrong.
124. Many will be lost because to avoid being deceived they preferred to believe a lie.
125. "The eye sees only what the mind is prepared to comprehend." ~ Henri Bergson
126. Don't open your mind so much that your brain falls out.
127. A kind act done under duress is like a fly in the face of God.
128. Last impressions last forever.
129. People will not remember what you did, they will not remember what you said, but they will always remember the way you made them feel.
133. It's not what we give, but what we share. The gift without the giver is bare; who gives of himself, feeds three: himself, his hungry neighbor and Me. Those who give from the heart gives freely and they have a wonderful feeling.
131. The journey is better than it's end.
132. One doesn't simply explain inspiration to those who aren't inspired. ~ G. M. Hill
133. A wise man's eyes are in his head.
134. Friends are family that you choose.
135. I don't repeat gossip. So, listen carefully the first time.
136. I cannot hold a tune if you put it in a bag and gave it to me.
137. The opinions expressed by the husband of this house are not necessarily those of the manager.
138. There's nothing wrong with me that a little chocolate won't fix.
139. "It isn't what we don't know that gives us trouble, it's what we know that ain't so." ~ Will

Rogers

140. "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing." ~ Helen Keller

141. SW3,Next = Some Will, Some Won't, So What? Next!

142. Let Go, Let God.

143. There is no such thing as teaching; there is only learning.

144. EINSTEIN: 'When you're courting a nice girl, an hour seems like a second; but you sit on red, hot, cinders; a second seems like an hour. That's relativity.'

145. It is nice to be important, but, it is important to be NICE.

146. To be Human is to be beautifully flawed.

147. Hate the Crime; Love the Criminal.

148. You have to do your own growing no matter how tall your grandfather was. (An Irish saying)

149. Better 50 enemies outside the house than one within. (An Irish saying)

150. What's good for the goose is good for the gander. (An Irish saying)

151. Sometimes I laugh so hard my tears run down my leg. (An Irish saying)

152. Now don't be talking about yourself while you're here; we'll surely be doing that after you leave. (An Irish saying)

153. Life is like a cup of tea, it's all how you make it. (An Irish saying)

154. When a man who is honestly mistaken hears the truth, he will either quit being mistaken or cease to be honest.

155. Get hammered, get nailed.

156. I've learned.... That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

157. I've learned.... That when you're in love, it shows.

158. I've learned That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.

159. I've learned.... That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

160. I've learned.... That being kind is more important than being right.

161. I've learned.... That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

162. I've learned.... That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in any other way.

163. I've learned.... That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

164. I've learned.... That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

165. I've learned.... That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

166. I've learned.... That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

167. I've learned.... That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

168. I've learned.... That money doesn't buy class.

169. I've learned.... That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

170. I've learned... That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

171. I've learned.... That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

172. I've learned.... That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

173. I've learned.... That love, not time, heals all wounds.
174. I've learned.... That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
175. I've learned.... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
176. I've learned.... That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.
177. I've learned... That life is tough, but I'm tougher.
178. I've learned.... That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.
179. I've learned.... That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.
180. I've learned.... That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.
181. I've learned.... That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
182. I've learned.... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
183. I've learned.... That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, you're hooked for life.
184. I've learned.... That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.
185. I've learned.... That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.
- ... (All the 'I've Learned...' quotes are from Andy Rooney)