A List of Proverbs

A loveless life is a living death. Absence makes the heart grow fonder. All's fair in love and war. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Before you meet the handsome prince you have to kiss a lot of toads. Better to have loved and lost, than to have never loved at all. Cold hands, warm heart. Distance makes the heart grow fonder. Faint heart never won fair lady. First impressions are the most lasting. Hatred is as blind as love. Love and a cough cannot be hid. Love does much but money does all. Love levels all inequalities. Love makes a good eye squint. Love sees no faults. Love sought is good, but given unsought is better. Love to live and live to love. Love with life is heaven; and life unloving, hell. Man is the head but woman turns it. Marry in haste, repent at leisure. The course of love never did run smooth. The Lord loveth a cheerful liar.

There is a thin line between love and hate.

To eat one's heart out. True beauty lies within. You can't live on bread alone. A little body doth often harbor a great soul. A point is the beginning of magnitude. A spark can start a great fire. A short cut is often a wrong cut. Big fish eat little fish. Everything has an end. Failure is not an option. Fall seven times. Stand up eight. First in best dressed. From trivial things, great contests often arise. Give them an inch and they'll take a mile. Grow angry slowly, there's plenty of time. Growing old is inevitable; growing up is optional. He who hesitates is lost. It's either all or nothing. It is easier to destroy than to build. Little strokes fell great oaks. Lost time is never found again. Many drops make a shower. Mighty oaks from tiny acorns grow. Necessity is a hard nurse, but she raises strong children. Rome wasn't built in a day.

Seize the day Small faults indulged let in greater. Some of the best gifts come in small packages. A friend's frown is better than a fool's smile. A friend in need is a friend indeed. A friend is easier lost than found. A friend to everybody is a friend to nobody. A problem shared is a problem halved. A true friend is someone who reaches for your hand, but touches your heart. False friends are worse than open enemies. Flattery is all right so long as you don't inhale. Give credit where credit is due. Grief divided is made lighter. Memory is the treasure of the mind. Nothing dries sooner than a tear. Old friends and old wine are best. The best of friends must part. The best things are not bought and sold. There is no better looking-glass than an old friend. To err is human (To forgive divine). Two cannot fall out if one does not choose. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. After dinner rest a while, after supper walk a mile.

Bad news travels fast.

Be aware that the road to hell is paved with good intentions.

Better to go back than go wrong.

Don't cross your bridges until you come to them.

Doubt is the deadliest enemy of any dream.

Everybody must row with the oars he has.

Every path has its puddle.

Good company on the road is the shortest cut.

He who stops at every stone never gets to his journey's end.

He who wants to travel far takes care of his beast.

If you don't know where you're going, then the journey is never ending.

It is the first step that is difficult.

On a long journey even a straw is heavy.

Show a clean pair of heels.

Slow and steady wins the race.

Some roads aren't meant to be travelled alone.

Step by step one goes far.

The beaten path is safest.

The hardest part is leaving home.

The longest journey begins with the first step.

The longest way round is the sweetest way home.

You have to crawl before you walk.

A good friend is one's nearest relation.

A man is known by the company he keeps.

A man of straw needs a woman of gold.

Apples don't fall far from the tree.

A wink is as good as a nod, to a blind man.

An injury is forgiven better than an injury revenged. Anger and hate hinder good counsel. Appearances are deceptive. At a round table there's no dispute about the place. Attack is the best form of defense Be slow in choosing, but slower in changing. Behind every great man stands a strong woman. Blood is thicker than water. Cheerfulness smooths the road of life. Confess and be hanged. Conscience makes cowards of us all. Don't blow your own trumpet. Do as you would be done by. Do unto others as you would have them do to you. Grow angry slowly; there's plenty of time. He bears misery best that hides it most. He that hurts another, hurts himself. He who wronged you will hate you. Heavy givers are light complainers. Honor is a gift you give yourself. I am rubber and you are glue. Your words bounce off me and stick to you. It's not over till it's over.

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Joy shared is double joy; grief shared is (only) half grief.

Never let the sun set on angry heart.

Laugh and the world laughs with you. Cry and you cry alone.

Never let the sun go down on your anger. Never let the sun set on thy wrath. Never quarrel with one's bread and butter. No man or woman is worth your tears, and the one who is, won't make you cry. Open confession is good for the soul. Out of sight, out of mind. Patience is a virtue. Persuasion is better than force. Spare the rod and spoil the child. Temper is so good a thing that we should never lose it. The greater joy is in giving - not receiving. There is nothing as sharp as a woman's tongue. To the world you may be one person, but to one person, you may be the world. Wondrous is the strength of cheerfulness. You made your bed, now you must lie in it. A change is as good as a rest. A stitch in time saves nine. A throne is only a bench covered in purple velvet. A wise man shall hold his tongue till he sees his opportunity. Accidents will happen. All's well that ends well. Attack is the best means of defense. Charity begins at home. Different strokes for different folks. Do not in an instant what an age cannot recompense.

Don't knock on death's door, ring the doorbell and run.

Don't try to teach your grand-mother to suck eggs.

Empty vessels make the most sound.

Empty barrels make the most noise.

Four eyes are better than two.

Good judgement comes from experience. Experience comes from bad judgement.

He who fights and runs away, lives to fight another day.

Innocent as a new born babe.

It's an ill wind that blows no-one some good.

It is better to stay silent and be thought a fool, than to open one's mouth and remove all doubt.

Necessity is the mother of invention.

No one can be caught in places he does not visit.

No point in making a mountain out of a molehill.

No wise man ever wishes to be younger.

Not in a month of Sundays.

One man's junk is another man's treasure.

Only desire what you deserve.

Out of the frying pan into the fire.

Still waters run deep.

Talking comes by nature, silence by wisdom.

The darkest hour is before the dawn.

The pen is mightier than the sword.

The wise shall understand.

Those who don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it.

Those who say it cannot be done, should not interrupt those doing it.

Tomorrow is a new day. Two heads are better than one. You can't tell a book by its cover. When water is above your head a thousand fathoms is as one. Where observation is concerned, chance favors only the prepared mind. Where there's smoke there's fire. Wisdom is better than strength. Wisdom is neither inheritance nor a legacy. Wisdom is the wealth of the wise. Wise it is to comprehend the whole. You can't put an old head on young shoulders. You never know what you can do till you try. A bully is always a coward. A handsome shoe often pinches the foot. A good thing is all the sweeter when won with pain. A man too careful of danger lives in continual torment. A miss is as good as a mile. Adversity flatters no man Adversity and loss make a man wise All promises are either broken or kept. All things come to those that wait.

As you go through life, make this your goal, watch the doughnut and not the hole.

An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

As one door closes, another always opens.

An open door may tempt a saint.

Brevity is the soul of wit.
Cut your coat according to the cloth.
Discretion is the better part of valour.
Do right and fear no man.
Easy come, easy go.
Experience is the hardest teacher. She gives the test first and the lesson afterwards.
Familiarity breeds contempt.
Fortune favors the brave.
He who laughs last, laughs longest.
Home is where the heart is.
Hope for the best and prepare for the worst.
If wishes were horses, beggars would ride.
In the country of the blind, the one-eyed man is king.
It never rains but it pours.
Leave tomorrow till tomorrow.
Life begins at forty.
Life's trials may be hard to bear, but patience can outlive them.
Live and learn.
Manners maketh the man.
No man is worse for knowing the worst of himself.
Only the good die young.
Procrastination is the thief of time.
The best things in life are free.
The dogs bark but the caravan moves on.
The family that prays together, stays together.

The longer you live the more you see.

The meek shall inherit the earth.

The receiver is as bad as the thief.

To wait and be patient soothes many a pang.

To promise yourself a future means to rob yourself of the present.

Up and down like a fiddler's elbow.

We cannot erase the sad records from our past.

What the eye doesn't see, the heart doesn't grieve over.

While there's life there's hope.