

# Proverbs

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*“Religion is for those that are afraid of going to hell. Spirituality is for those who have been there.”*

*“We didn't inherit the earth;  
We are borrowing it from our children.”*

*“The power of choice must involve the possibility of error--that is the essence of choosing.”*

*“What soap is to the body, laughter is to the soul”.*

*“That which you see and hear, you cannot help; but that which you say depends on you alone.”*

*“People were given two ears and one tongue so that they may listen more than speak.”*

*“We can never rely on inspiration. When we most want it, it does not come.”*

*“To be rooted is perhaps the most important and least recognized need of the human soul.”*

*“God is identical with His attributes, so that it may be said that He is the knowledge, the knower,  
and the known.”*

*“If someone breaks a leg, he thanks God he did not break both legs; if he breaks both, he thanks God  
he did not break his neck.”*

*“Days are scrolls: write on them what you want to be remembered.”*

*“When the sages speak of paradise and hell...these are only metaphors for the agony of sin and the  
happiness of virtue.”*

*“As long as there is life, there is hope.”*

*“We should study; Creator has always shown that knowledge has the power not only to make people  
smart but to make them good...”*

*“In seeking wisdom the first step is silence, the second: listening, the third: remembering, the fourth:  
practicing, the fifth: teaching others.”*

*“It is an honor for children and father to be with one another.”*

*“People will forget what you said.  
People will forget what you did,  
But People will never forget how  
you made them feel.”*

*“Even a poor man who himself survives on charity should give charity.”*

*“What you don't see with your eyes, don't witness with your mouth.”*

*“Rejoice in what you have; sigh not for what you lost.”*

*“Even if you be otherwise perfect, you fail without humility.”*

*“Speech is a God-given boon peculiar to man, and must not be employed for that which is degrading.”*

*“To smile at your neighbor is more important than to treat him to a drink”.*

*“Ease destroys bravery, trouble...creates strength.”*

*“All journeys have secret destinations of which the traveler is unaware.”*

*“The test of humility is your attitude to subordinates.”*

*“Do not separate yourself from the community.”*

*“Greet every person with a pleasant face...Receive every person in a cheerful manner.”*

*“Don't let your brain interfere with your heart.”*

*“The world is new to us every morning--this is the Holy One's gift and every person should believe they are reborn each day.”*

*”The power of choice must involve the possibility of error--that is the essence of choosing.”*

*“When you pray, remove from your heart all worldly concerns.”*

*“A people's memory is history; and as a man without a memory, so a people without a history cannot grow wiser, better.”*

*“Despise no man: many pearls are found in a poor man's tunic.”*

*“The Sages taught that all people are equal in the eyes of God if they do the will of God: “Whether Jew or Gentile, man or woman, rich or poor - according to a man's deeds does God's presence rest on him.”*

*“The tongue is the heart's pen and the mind's messenger.”*

*“A half-truth is a whole lie.”*

*“A man is what he is, not what he used to be.”*

*‘If I try to be like him, who will be like me?’*

*“Expecting the world to treat you fairly because you are a good person is like expecting the bull not to charge you because you are a vegetarian.”*

*“A man is led the way he wishes to follow.”*

*“Prayer cannot bring water to parched field, nor mend a broken bridge, nor rebuild a ruined city; but prayer can water an arid soul, mend a broken heart and rebuild a weakened well.”*

*"Be very careful if you make a woman cry, because God counts her tears. The woman came out of a man's rib. Not from his feet to be walked on. Not from his head to be superior, but from the side to be equal. Under the arm to be protected, and next to the heart to be loved."*

*"If you want to raise a man from mud and filth, do not think it is enough to keep standing on top and reaching down to him a helping hand. You must go all the way down yourself, down into mud and filth. Then take hold of him with strong hands and pull him and yourself into the light."*

*"It is not in our power to explain either the prosperity of the wicked or the sufferings of the righteous."*

*"Before you can find God, you must lose yourself."*

*"Truth is the "light" by which to find your way out of darkness. Turn it on."*

*"Experience is what we call the accumulation of our mistakes."*

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."  
Gandhi*

*"People have a way of being what you encourage them to be – not what you nag them to be."  
Scudder N. Parker*

*"Life is an echo; what you send out comes back."  
Chinese Proverb*

*"A man who has committed a mistake and doesn't correct it, is committing another mistake."  
Confucius*

*"See simplicity in the complicated. Achieve greatness in little things."  
Lao-Tzu*

*"Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first... the lesson afterward."  
Author Unknown*

*"Teachers open the door. You enter by yourself."  
Chinese Proverb*

*"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."  
Eleanor Roosevelt*

*"I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand."  
Confucius*

*The quieter you become, the more you can hear."  
Baba Ram Dass*

*"Three things cannot be long hidden: the sun, the moon, and the truth."  
Buddha*

*"Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best."*

*Henry Van Dyke*

*"It does not matter how slowly you go so long as you do not stop."*

*Confucius*

*"All that we are is a result of what we have thought."*

*Buddha*

*"Control your emotions or they will control you."*

*Chinese Adage*

*"Knowing others is wisdom. Knowing yourself is enlightenment."*

*Lao-Tzu*

*"We will be known forever by the tracks we leave."*

*American Indian Proverb*

*"If the only prayer you say in your whole life is "Thank You" that would suffice."*

*Meister Eckhart*

*"God has no religion."*

*Gandhi*

*"To believe in something and not live it is dishonest."*

*Gandhi*

*"Nonviolence is a weapon of the strong."*

*Gandhi*