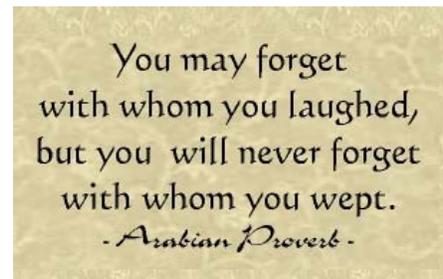
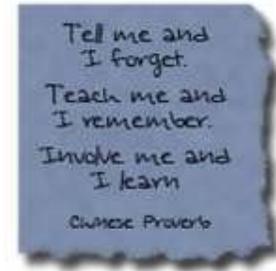


A Lesson on Proverbs

The word Proverb is taken from the Latin word proverbium. Proverbs speak to a simple truth or are often considered common sense. Proverbs are words of wisdom passed down from generation to generation. They contain wisdom that have inspired and motivated many over time. They can be witty and amusing. Most proverbs and sayings are one liners but have true meaning in them.

Wolfgang Mieder defines a proverb as, "... a short, generally known sentence of the folk which contains wisdom, truth, morals, and traditional views in a metaphorical, fixed and memorizable form and which is handed down from generation to generation."

The Proverbs and sayings listed below are a collection from all over the world. Many of these adages are wise sayings, expressions, and phrases that have been passed down for centuries.



If you dig a hole for someone else, you'll fall into it. ~~ Hungarian Proverb

A lie travels round the world while truth is putting her boots on. ~~ French Proverb

Man who run behind car get exhausted. ~~ Chinese Proverb

You will never plough a field if you only turn it over in your mind. ~~ Irish Proverb

In a closed mouth, flies do not enter. ~~ Mexican Proverb

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it's two-tired. ~~ English Proverb

When two dogs fight over a bone, a third one carries it away. ~~ Dutch Proverb

There is hope as long as your fishing-line is in the water. ~~ Norwegian Proverb

A lazy shepherd is the wolf's friend. ~~ Welsh Proverb

Never let your feet run faster than your shoes. ~~ Scottish Proverb

Every fish that gets away appears great. ~~ Turkish Proverb

Tomorrow is often the busiest day of the week. ~~ Spanish Proverb

If you don't stand for something, you will fall for something. ~~ African Proverb

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