

# **MOTIVATIONAL PROVERBS**

**A COLLECTION OF  
WORDS OF WISDOM FROM  
DIFFERENT CULTURES**



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# Foreword

For centuries, our great ancestors have passed down great words of wisdom that have inspired many to perform unimaginable feats, conquer their fears and breakthrough from mediocrity.

Thanks to the internet, we can now share these highly sought after words of wisdom to our fellow communities with ease. Lo and behold, the largest collection of inspirational proverbs, from across cultures which you can use or empower others to live an extraordinary life!



***Inspiring Proverbs***

***Words Of Wisdom From Many Cultures In The World***

# Motivational Proverbs

The waiting man gets the wind behind him.

**Swedish Proverb**

The longer the night lasts, the more our dreams will be.

**Chinese Proverb**

Better to light one small candle than to curse the darkness.

**Chinese Proverb**

The bee has a sting but honey too.

**Swedish Proverb**

Nothing is impossible for a willing heart.

**French Proverb**

God gives to those who get up early.

**Russian Proverb**

You need a sharp axe for a tough bough.

**Russian Proverb**

Don't put all your eggs in one basket

**English Proverb**

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

**American Proverb**

A tiger never returns to his prey he did not finish off.

**Chinese Proverb**

The first step is always the hardest.

**American Proverb**

There will be bumps in the smoothest roads.

**French Proverb**

The sun will shine into our yard too.

**Russian Proverb**

Best Chances will become Odds if you don't react in time.

**Indian Proverb**

You're never too old to learn.

**American Proverb**

Where there's a will there's a way

**English Proverb**

People feel it when they have it.

**Indian Proverb**

Don't sit among scoffers.

### **Swedish Proverb**

Even a stone gets rounded by constant rubbing.

### **Indian Proverb**

A fall into a ditch makes you wiser.

### **Chinese Proverb**

A bird in hand is worth two in the bush

### **English Proverb**

Envy is the companion of great success.

### **Swedish Proverb**

It's better to keep what little you have, than to risk it for something more.

### **American Proverb**

Who is everywhere is nowhere.

### **Swedish Proverb**

A man who chases two rabbits catches none.

### **Roman Proverb**

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow.

### **Chinese Proverb**

If you want happiness for an hour -- take a nap. If you want happiness for a day -- go fishing. If you want happiness for a month -- get married. If you want happiness for a year -- inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime -- help someone else.

**Chinese Proverb**

Vincit qui se vincit  
He conquers who conquers himself.

**Latin Proverb**

Dum spiro, spero  
While I breathe, I hope.

**Latin Proverb**

Qui audet adipiscitur  
He who dares wins.

**Latin Proverb**

Possunt quia posse videntur  
They can because they seem to be able to.

**Latin Proverb**

Per aspera ad astra!  
Through difficulties to the stars!

**Latin Proverb**

Nulli secundus



Second to none.

**Latin Proverb**

Dum vita est, spes est

While there's life, there's hope.

**Latin Proverb**

Nil desperandum

Never despair.

**Latin Proverb**

Aut vincere aut mori

Either to conquer or to die.

**Latin Proverb**

Aut viam inveniam aut faciam (Hannibal)

I'll either find a way or make one.

**Latin Proverb**

Faber est quisque fortunae suae

Every man is architect of his own fortune.

**Latin Proverb**

Si vis amari, ama (Annaeus Seneca, a.k.a. Seneca the Elder,  
Epistularum Moralium Ad Lucilium)

If you wish to be loved, love.

**Latin Proverb**

Non est ad astra mollis e terris via (Lucius Annaeus Seneca)

The way from earth to the stars is not peaceful.

### **Latin Proverb**

Ipsa scientia potestas est (Sir Francis Bacon)  
Knowledge itself is power.

### **Latin Proverb**

Fall seven times, stand up eight.

### **Japanese Proverb**

Don't set sail on someone else's star.

### **African Proverb**

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

### **African Proverb**

A cutting word is worse than a bowstring, a cut may heal,  
but the cut of the tongue does not.

### **African Proverb**

If you climb up a tree, you must climb down the same tree.

### **African Proverb**

It is not what you are called, but what you answer to.

### **African Proverb**

A chattering bird builds no nest.

### **African Proverb**

If you run after two hares you will catch neither.

### **African Proverb**

When a needle falls into a deep well, many people will look into the well, but few will be ready to go down after it.

### **African Proverb**

For tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.

### **African Proverb**

A little impatience will spoil great plans.

### **Chinese Proverb**

Even a hare will bite when it is cornered.

### **Chinese Proverb**

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

### **Chinese Proverb**

If you bow at all, bow low.

### **Chinese Proverb**

A smile will gain you ten more years of life.

### **Chinese Proverb**

A bird does not sing because it has an answer. It sings because it has a song.

### **Chinese Proverb**

A book holds a house of gold.

**Chinese Proverb**

Talk does not cook rice.

**Chinese Proverb**

Experience is a comb which nature gives us when we are bald. **Chinese Proverb**

Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid only of standing still. **Chinese Proverb**

Behave toward everyone as if receiving a guest.

**Chinese Proverb**

A fall into a ditch makes you wiser.

**Chinese Proverb**

Better a diamond with a flaw than a pebble without one.

**Chinese Proverb**

He who asks is a fool for five minutes, but he who does not ask remains a fool forever.

**Chinese Proverb**

An inch of time is an inch of gold but you can't buy that inch of time with an inch of gold.

**Chinese Proverb**

Be in general virtuous, and you will be happy.

**American Proverb**

Good weight and measure, are heaven's treasure.

**American Proverb**

If you desire many things, many things will be seem but a few.

**American Proverb**

Pride is said to be the last vice the good man gets clear of.

**American Proverb**

Wishes won't wash dishes.

**American Proverb**

A dose of adversity is often as needful as a dose of medicine.

**American Proverb**

Don't cut off your nose to spite your face.

**American Proverb**

Necessity never made a good bargain.

**American Proverb**

Here today, gone tomorrow.

**American Proverb**

Variety is the spice of life.

**American Proverb**

From little acorns mighty oaks do grow.

**American Proverb**

Hope is a good breakfast, but a poor supper.

**American Proverb**

A good neighbour is better than a brother far off.

**Danish Proverb**

Break one link and the whole chain falls apart.

**Danish Proverb**

"It will come back," said the man, when he gave his sow pork.

**Danish Proverb**

A slip of the foot may soon be recovered; but that of the tongue perhaps never.

**Danish Proverb**

Age may wrinkle the face, but lack of enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

**Danish Proverb**

Faults are thick where love is thin.

### **Danish Proverb**

A crowd is not company.

### **Danish Proverb**

It is best to be on the safe side.

### **Danish Proverb**

A fool only wins the first game.

### **Danish Proverb**

Keep your nose out of another's mess.

### **Danish Proverb**

A friend's frown is better than a fool's smile.

### **Danish Proverb**

Better a little furniture than an empty house.

### **Danish Proverb**

Many hands make light work.

### **English Proverb**

Don't count your chickens before they're hatched.

### **English Proverb**

A bad penny always turns up.

### **English Proverb**

Grasp no more than thy hand will hold.

**English Proverb**

An apple a day keeps the doctor away.

**English Proverb**

Actions speak louder than words.

**English Proverb**

You are never too old to learn.

**English Proverb**

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

**English Proverb**

A stumble may prevent a fall.

**English Proverb**

If you want to judge a man's character, give him power.

**English Proverb**

If wishes were horses beggars might ride.

**English Proverb**

The future is purchased by the present.

**French Proverb**



A clear conscience is a good pillow.

**French Proverb**

A friend is known in time of need.

**French Proverb**

A healthy man is a successful man.

**French Proverb**

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

**French Proverb**

Bear with evil and expect good.

**French Proverb**

A stitch in time saves nine.

**French Proverb**

A rolling stone gathers no moss.

**French Proverb**

Learning is there for every man.

**French Proverb**

Beauty, unaccompanied by virtue, is as a flower without perfume.

**French Proverb**

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

**French Proverb**

Friends are lost by calling often and calling seldom.

**French Proverb**

He who begins many things finishes but few.

**Italian Proverb**

Anger can be an expensive luxury.

**Italian Proverb**

Better give a penny than lend twenty.

**Italian Proverb**

Give time time.

**Italian Proverb**

Necessity becomes will.

**Italian Proverb**

The habit doesn't make a monk.

**Italian Proverb**

One who sleeps doesn't catch fish.

**Italian Proverb**

Silence was never written down.

### **Italian Proverb**

The liar needs a good memory.

### **Italian Proverb**

He who does not when he can, cannot when he will.

### **Italian Proverb**

Better one day as a lion than a hundred as a sheep.

### **Italian Proverb**

A good retreat is better than a bad stand.

### **Irish Proverb**

Time is a great story teller.

### **Irish Proverb**

The work praises the man.

### **Irish Proverb**

There is light at the end of the tunnel.

### **Irish Proverb**

A change of work is as good as a rest.

### **Irish Proverb**

A single arrow is easily broken, but not ten in a bundle.

### **Japanese Proverb**

Art is the illusion of spontaneity.

**Japanese Proverb**

Let what is past flow away downstream.

**Japanese Proverb**

Adversity is the foundation of virtue.

**Japanese Proverb**

Art is the illusion of spontaneity.

**Japanese Proverb**

You can know ten things by learning one.

**Japanese Proverb**

Ten men, ten minds.

**Japanese Proverb**

When you're thirsty it's too late to think about digging a well. **Japanese Proverb**

When the character of a man is not clear to you, look at his friends.

**Japanese Proverb**

Better to be a crystal and to be broken, than to be a tile upon the housetop.

### **Japanese Proverb**

One kind word can warm three winter months.

### **Japanese Proverb**

Gossip about a person and his shadow will appear.

### **Japanese Proverb**

There are no national frontiers to learning.

### **Japanese Proverb**

Power lasts ten years; influence not more than a hundred.

**Korean Proverb**

Cast no dirt into the well that gives you water.

**Korean Proverb**

Even if the sky falls on you, there is a hole that you can escape from.

**Korean Proverb**

The deeper the waters are, the more still they run.

**Korean Proverb**

A turtle travels only when it sticks its neck out.

**Korean Proverb**

Even a fish wouldn't get into trouble if it kept its mouth shut.

**Korean Proverb**

Put off for one day and ten days will pass.

**Korean Proverb**

Words have no wings but they can fly a thousand miles.

**Korean Proverb**

A kitchen knife cannot carve its own handle.

**Korean Proverb**

Gossip needs no carriage.

## **Russian Proverb**

Praise loudly, blame softly.

## **Russian Proverb**

Acknowledgement is half of correction.

## **Russian Proverb**

A kind word is like a Spring day.

## **Russian Proverb**

He who doesn't risk never gets to drink champagne.

## **Russian Proverb**

Every road has two directions.

## **Russian Proverb**

A small link will sink a great ship.

## **Russian Proverb**

Failure teaches you more than success.

## **Russian Proverb**

Every seed knows its time.

## **Russian Proverb**

Take time to smell the roses.

## **Russian Proverb**

Success and rest don't sleep together.

**Russian Proverb**

You don't get something for nothing.

**Russian Proverb**

To the grateful man give more than he asks.

**Spanish Proverb**

A fifth wheel to a cart is but an encumbrance.

**Spanish Proverb**

A tired person can sleep anywhere.

**Spanish Proverb**

For a good appetite there is no hard bread.

**Spanish Proverb**

The wise man does not hang his knowledge on a hook.

**Spanish Proverb**

We do not know what is good until we have lost it.

**Spanish Proverb**

If there be no remedy, why worry?

**Spanish Proverb**



A wise man changes his mind, a fool never.

**Spanish Proverb**

Home is where the heart is.

**Spanish Proverb**

Who talks much, errs much.

**Spanish Proverb**

Charity well regulated begins at home.

**Spanish Proverb**

We'll just have to make do.

**Spanish Proverb**

If and When were planted and Nothing grew.

**Turkish Proverb**

Two captains sink the ship.

**Turkish Proverb**

It is not disgraceful to ask, it is disgraceful not to ask.

**Turkish Proverb**

A lake forms drop by drop.

**Turkish Proverb**

No matter how far you have gone on the wrong road, turn back.

**Turkish Proverb**

Today's egg is better than tomorrow's hen.

**Turkish Proverb**

Abundance is from activity.

**Turkish Proverb**

He that conceals his grief finds no remedy for it.

**Turkish Proverb**

Patience is the key to paradise.

**Turkish Proverb**

Tomorrow is another day.

**Turkish Proverb**

There is no right way to do a wrong thing.

**Turkish Proverb**

Two heads are better than one.

**Turkish Proverb**

A willful fault has no excuse, and deserves no pardon.

**Welsh Proverb**

He understands badly who listens badly.

**Welsh Proverb**

Three things give us hardy strength: sleeping on hairy mattresses, breathing cold air, and eating dry food.

**Welsh Proverb**

Without perseverance talent is a barren bed.

**Welsh Proverb**

The best candle is understanding.

**Welsh Proverb**

Be honorable yourself if you wish to associate with honorable people.

**Welsh Proverb**

Adversity comes with instruction in his hand.

**Welsh Proverb**

Your hand is never the worse for doing its own work.

**Welsh Proverb**

If every man would sweep his own door-step the city would soon be clean.

**Welsh Proverb**

Adversity and loss make a man wise.

**Welsh Proverb**

Conscience is the nest where all good is hatched.

**Welsh Proverb**

A watched clock never tells the time.

**Welsh Proverb**

The advice of the aged will not mislead you.

**Welsh Proverb**

The smoothest way is full of stones.

**Yiddish Proverb**

The truly rich are those who enjoy what they have.

**Yiddish Proverb**

Confidence is half of victory.

**Yiddish Proverb**

Interest on debts grow without rain.

**Yiddish Proverb**

Had you gotten up early, you wouldn't have needed to stay up late.

**Yiddish Proverb**

If you ever need a helping hand you'll find one at the end of your arm.

**Yiddish Proverb**

Money doesn't grow on trees.

**Yiddish Proverb**

Better ask ten times than go astray once.

**Yiddish Proverb**

If things are not as you wish, wish them as they are.

**Yiddish Proverb**

Make new friends, but don't forget the old ones.

**Yiddish Proverb**

Talking comes by nature, silence by wisdom.

**Yiddish Proverb**

Beautiful is not what is beautiful, but what one likes.

**Yiddish Proverb**