

WISDOM

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

In wealth many friends, in poverty, not even relatives. *Japanese*

Knowledge without wisdom is a load of books on the back of an ass. *Japanese*

If you understand everything, you must be misinformed. *Japanese*

The bamboo that bends is stronger than the oak that resists. *Japanese*

Our eyes are placed in front, because it's more important to look ahead than look behind. *Japanese*

Reality can't compete with imagination. *Japanese*

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

It is better to remain silent at the risk of being thought a fool, than to talk and remove no doubt of it.
Maurice Switzer

Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority it is time to pause and reflect. *Mark Twain*

The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knoweth himself to be a fool. *William Shakespeare*

Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom. *Aristotle*

The only true wisdom is knowing that you know nothing. *Socrates*

May you live every day of your life. *Jonathan Swift*

By three methods we may learn wisdom first: first by reflection, which is noblest; second by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest. *Confucius*

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Proverb: Yu shake man han, but yu noh shake im hawt. *Jamaican*

Translation: You can shake a man's hand, but you cannot shake his heart.

Explanation: It is impossible to detect what a person has in his mind toward you through mere physical contact. Do not, therefore, take people, their opinions, or their feelings for granted.

Proverb: Pit inna de sky, it fall inna yuh y'eye. *Jamaican*

Translation: If you spit into the sky, it falls into your eye.

Explanation: What you do to, or wish for others, could eventually be the cause of your own downfall. Be careful of how you treat others.

Proverb: Mischiff kum by de poun' an' go by de ownse. *Jamaican*

Translation: Mischief comes by the pound and goes by the ounce.

Explanation: Mischief makers can stir up a tremendous amount of trouble with only a few words or maybe one action. The effects of this can be difficult to minimize. Let us not be mischief-makers. We could hurt ourselves and others irreparably.

Proverb: A no ebryting kum fram abuv a blessen. *Jamaican*

Translation: Not everything that comes from above is a blessing.

Explanation: Enjoy those blessings which come from above, but do not be misled by deceivers who use their superior positions to dispossess the unfortunate.

Proverb: Wen po' git up, im tun chubble tu de wole. *Jamaican*

Translation: When the poor man gets up, he becomes trouble to the world.

Explanation: The elevation of someone who used to be disdained or sneered at by others, could be cause for much disturbance in the minds of those who did not wish him well.

INJUSTICE

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

Martin Luther King Jr.

“The caterpillar does all the work, but the butterfly gets all the publicity.”

George Carlin

“Laws are spider webs through which the big flies pass and the little ones get caught.”

Honoré de Balzac

“Injustice in the end produces independence.”

Voltaire

FLATTERY

Flattery is sweet food to those who can swallow it. *Danish*

He who praises me on all occasions is a fool who despises me
or a knave who wishes to cheat me. *Chinese*

Flattery is like friendship in show but not in fruit. *Socrates.*

Scratch people where they itch. *French.*

A flatterer has water in one hand and fire in the other. *German.*

Flattery is the food of fools. *Swift.*

Show me a poor man and I'll show you a flatterer. *Portuguese.*

Who paints me before, blackens me behind. *Italian*

Trust not the flatterer: in the days of sunshine he will give three pounds of butter, and in thy need deny thee a crust of bread. *Chinese.*

HOPE

A drowning man will clutch at a straw. *Sir Thomas More*

Every pot will find its lid. *Yiddish (on marriage)*

If it were not for hope, the heart would break. *Greek (on attitude)*

Keep your eyes on the sun and you will not see the shadows. *Australian Aborigine Saying*

Hope itself is like a star – not to be seen in the sunshine of prosperity, and only to be discovered in the night of adversity. *Charles H. Spurgeon*

Hope is the thing which perches in the soul and sings the tune without the words and never stops at all. *Emily Dickenson*

Walk on with hope in your heart, and you'll never walk alone. *Shah Rukh Khan*

Keep your best wishes close to your heart and watch what happens. *Tony DeLiso*

Let your hopes, not your hurts, shape your future. *Robert H. Schuller*