

# 1200 African Proverbs

Hotep friends. African proverbs hold timeless wisdom and are often deeply rooted in the traditions, cultures, and observations of life. The second time I went to Ghana, I had the honor to go to President Rollins House. And in a large room, I saw These large gold walking sticks. I didn't know what they were. The next day I went to a market, and I saw some reproductions of these large sticks with different tops on them. I asked the vendor, what were they? He said they were linguistics. And this is what the translators would carry as he walked before the king and on the top of the sticks were carved adinkra symbols. I bought a few of them. One of them had three heads on it and the proverb that went with that particular adinkra was three heads are better than one. There are many ways that African proverbs Have been said. One of my children asked me to do a book with 150 African proverbs. I thought I'd do one better. I thought I'd do 1200 proverbs with 150 pages. Pretend we're at an African village. And then we'll get into The different proverbs I hope you enjoy. Hotep. Here is a list of some well-known African proverbs: Villagers, elders, warriors, and children of our beloved land, I greet you with the warmth. Mulembe! May peace, prosperity, and health continue to grace our homes.

Today, we gather under the mighty baobab, the tree of life, to discuss matters that touch upon the well-being of our community.

Firstly, let us give thanks to God that watch over us. It is his wisdom that guides us, his strength that upholds us, and his love that unites us.

Now, as we face a new season, we must prepare for the sowing of crops. Our land has been generous, but we must continue to treat her with respect. I propose we initiate a communal farming day each week, starting immediately. This ensures that every family has enough to feed themselves and contribute to our collective granaries.

I have also heard concerns about the safety of our livestock. Our warriors have reported signs of predators venturing closer to the village. Let us reinforce our fences and organize nightly patrols until the threat has been neutralized.

But it is not just our physical environment that demands our attention. We must nourish our minds and spirits. I commend the elders who have committed to teaching our young ones the values, traditions, and skills that have sustained us for generations. Education is the cornerstone upon which we build the future.

Lastly, we have received word of a neighboring village struggling with disease. It is our duty as their brothers and sisters to extend a helping hand. I suggest forming a delegation equipped with

medicinal herbs and skilled healers to assist them in their time of need.

My people, we have weathered many storms and basked in the joys of numerous harvests. Together, there is nothing we cannot overcome.

Let us continue to live in a way that honors our ancestors and the generations to come. Let the drumbeat of our unity echo into eternity.

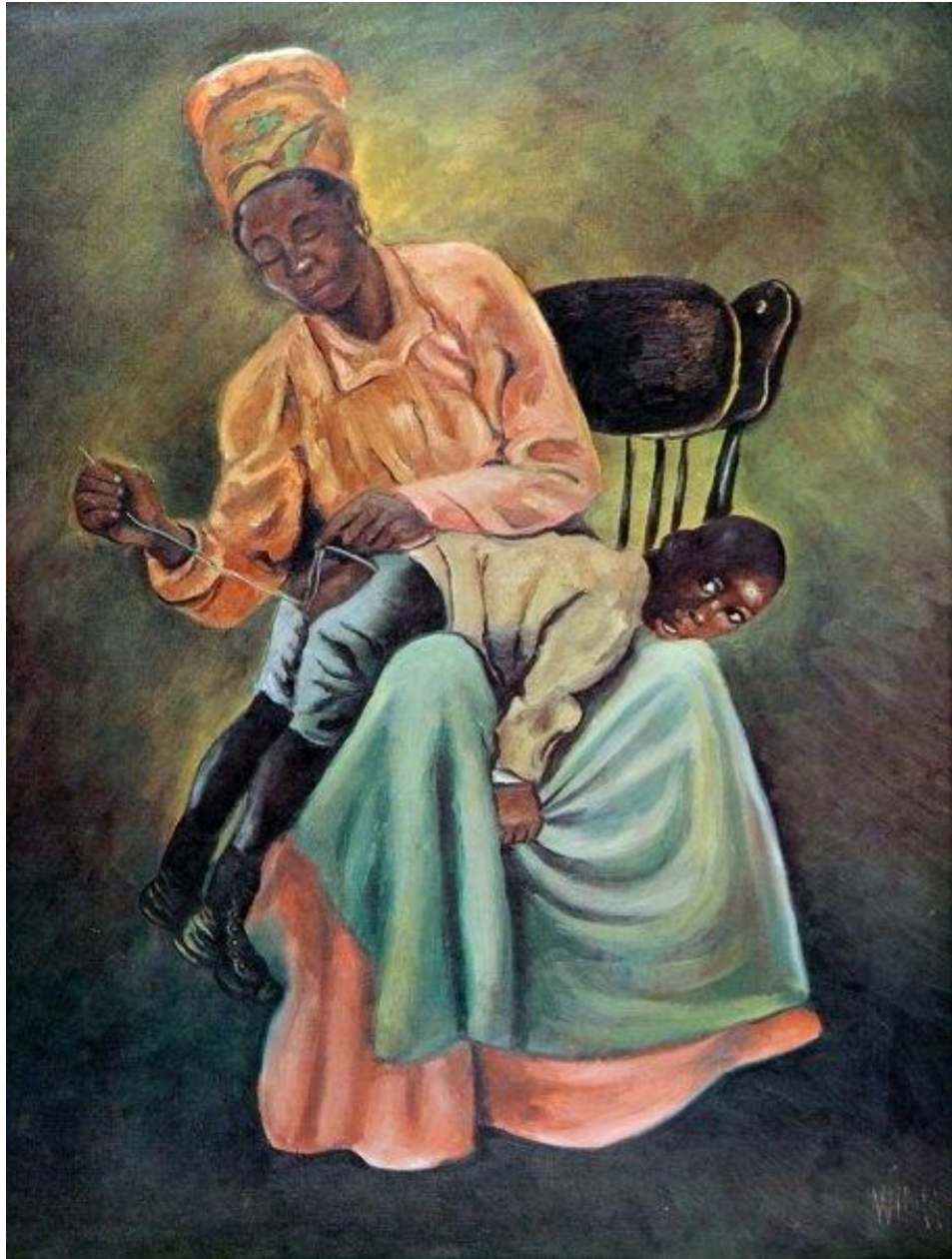




Asante sana. Thank you. Baba Oran Z



1. "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." — African proverb
2. "A stitch in time saves nine." — Ghanaian proverb



3. "It takes a whole village to raise a child." — Igbo and Yoruba (Nigeria) proverb

4. "Wisdom is wealth." — Swahili proverb
5. "Not to know is bad; not to wish to know is worse." — African proverb
6. "He who earns calamity, eats it with his family." — African proverb



7. "By crawling, a child learns to stand." — African proverb
8. "Do not call to a dog with a whip in your hand." — Sudanese proverb
9. "However long the night, the dawn will break." — African proverb



10. "A leopard cannot change its spots." — African proverb



11. "When you pray, move your feet." — African proverb
12. "The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The second-best time is now." — African proverb

13. "Holding onto anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one getting burned." — unknown
14. "A wise person will always find a way." — Tanzanian proverb
15. "A man who uses force is afraid of reasoning." — Kenyan proverb
16. "Only a fool tests the depth of a river with both feet." — African proverb
17. "You do not teach the paths of the forest to an old gorilla." — Congolese proverb
18. "Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors." — African proverb





19. "He who refuses to obey cannot command." — Kenyan proverb
20. "A family is like a forest; when you are outside it is dense, when you are inside you see that each tree has its own position." — African proverb



21. "Even the best cooking pot will not produce food." — African proverb

22. "What you help a child to love can be more important than what you help him to learn." — African proverb
23. "When the roots are deep, there is no reason to fear the wind." — African proverb
24. "If you close your eyes to facts, you will learn through accidents." — African proverb



25. "Don't set sail using someone else's star." — African proverb
26. "Milk and honey have different colors, but they share the same house peacefully." — African proverb
27. "He who learns, teaches." — Ethiopian proverb
28. "The fool speaks, the wise man listens." — Ethiopian proverb
29. "If you are filled with pride, then you will have no room for wisdom." — African proverb
30. "However far the stream flows, it never forgets its source." — Nigerian proverb
31. "When the mouse laughs at the cat, there is a hole nearby." — Nigerian proverb
32. "Knowledge is like a garden; if it is not cultivated, it cannot be harvested." — African proverb
33. "The child who is not embraced by the village will burn it down to feel its warmth." — African proverb
34. "You are beautiful because of your possessions." — Baguirmi (Chad) proverb
35. "What is bad luck for one man is good luck for another." — African proverb
36. "Truth crosses fire without getting burnt." — Ethiopian proverb

37. "He who thinks he is leading and has no one following him is only taking a walk." — Malawian proverb



38. "A single bracelet does not jingle." — Congolese proverb
39. "Examine what is said, not who speaks." — African proverb



40. "Words are the key to a heart." — African proverb
41. "If the elders leave you a legacy of dignified language, you do not abandon it and speak childish slang." — Ghanaian proverb
42. "One falsehood spoils a thousand truths." — Ashanti Proverb



43. "Rats don't dance in the cat's doorway." — African proverb
44. "The ruin of a nation begins in the homes of its people." — Ghanaian proverb

45. "Unity is strength, division is weakness." — Swahili proverb





46. "When there is peace in the country, the chief does not carry a shield." — Ugandan proverb

## 100 AFRICAN KINGS

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47. "Do not look where you fell, but where you slipped."  
— African proverb
48. "The hyena with a cub does not consume all the  
available food." — African proverb

49. "The lion does not turn around when a small dog barks."  
— African proverb
50. "The mouth which eats does not talk." — Masai  
proverb
51. "A flea can trouble a lion more than a lion can trouble a  
flea." — Kenyan proverb





52. "A person with too much ambition cannot sleep in peace." — Chadian proverb
53. "The food that is in the mouth is not yet in the belly." — Kenyan proverb
54. "The heart of the wise man lies quiet like limpid water." — Cameroonian proverb
55. "The sun will shine on those who stand before it shines on those who kneel under them." — African proverb
56. "When you follow in the path of your father, you learn to walk like him." — Ashanti proverb
57. "Wisdom is like a baobab tree; no one individual can embrace it." — Ewe proverb



58. "Where there is love there is no darkness." —  
Burundian proverb
59. "A close friend can become a close enemy." —  
Ethiopian proverb
60. "The one who loves an unsightly person is the one who  
makes him beautiful." — African proverb



61. "The impatient one will not give birth to chiefs." — Zimbabwean proverb
62. "The elephant does not limp when walking on thorns." — Ethiopian proverb
63. "A spider's cobweb isn't only its sleeping spring, but also its food trap." — African proverb
64. "The crocodile does not have a headache because it lives in the water." — Malian proverb
65. "If you pick up one end of the stick you also pick up the other." — Ethiopian proverb
66. "Water that has been begged for does not quench the thirst." — South African proverb
67. "The river may be wide, but it can be crossed." — African proverb
68. "Birds sing not because they have answers but because they have songs." — African proverb

69. "Even an ant can hurt an elephant." — South African proverb



70. "It is no shame at all to work for money." — African proverb
71. "A small house will hold a hundred friends." — African proverb



72. "The poor man and the rich man do not play together."  
— Ashanti proverb
73. "If you are on a road to nowhere, find another road." —  
Ashanti proverb
74. "You cannot name a child that is not born." — African  
proverb



75. "Money is sharper than a sword." — African proverb
76. "If you marry a monkey for its wealth, the money goes,  
and the monkey remains." — Egyptian proverb
77. "Rain beats the leopard's skin but it does not wash out  
the spots." — African proverb

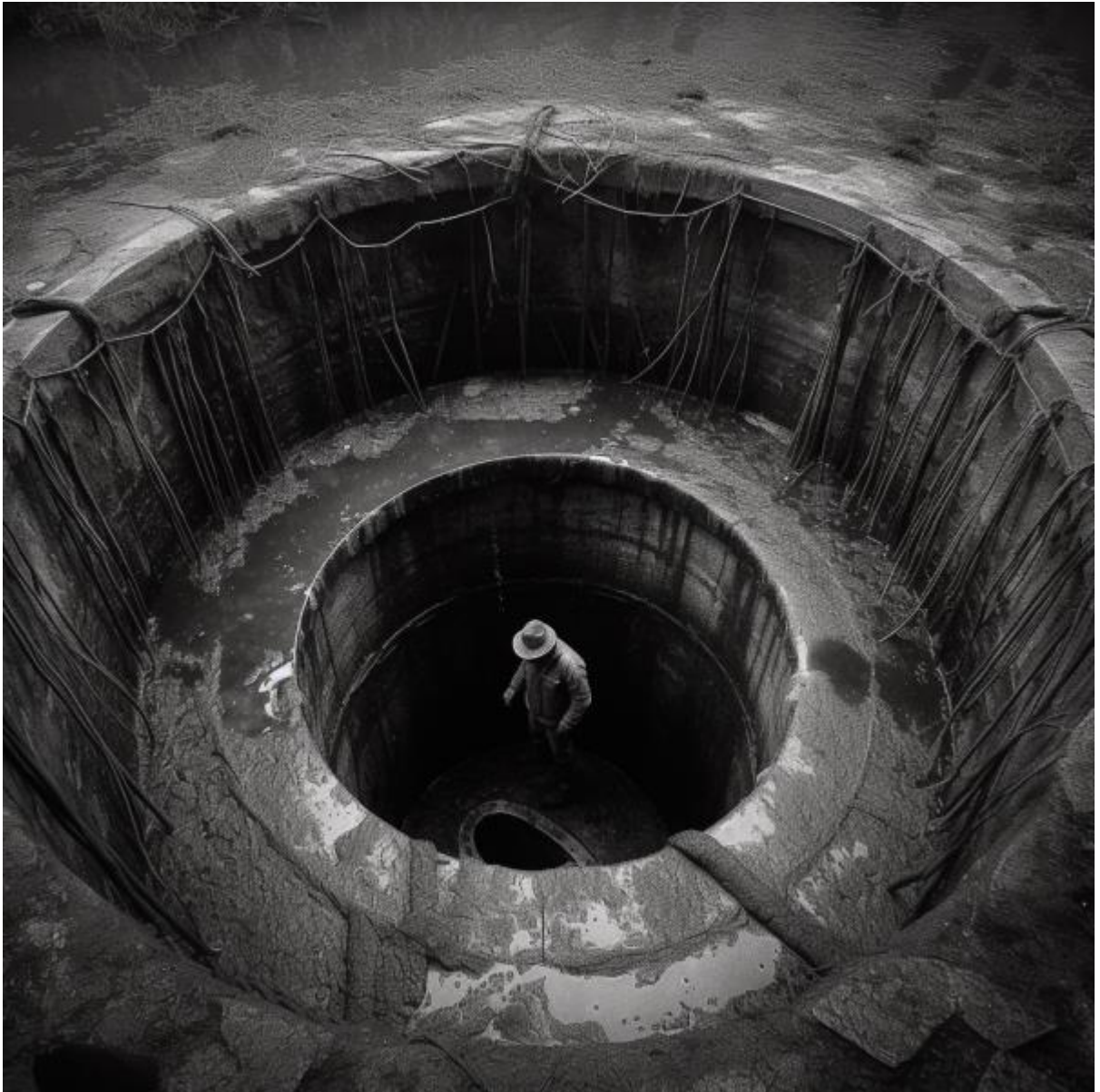
78. "To run is not necessarily to arrive." — Swahili proverb
79. "You cannot swim for new horizons until you have courage to lose sight of the shore." — African proverb



81. "A snake will hiss before it strikes." — African proverb
82. "Sorrow is like a precious treasure, shown only to friends." — African proverb

83. "What one won't eat by itself, one will eat when mixed with other food." — Bantu proverb

84. "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." — Guinea proverb



85. "Wisdom is like fire. People take it from others." — Hema (Democratic Republic of Congo) proverb



86. "The wise create proverbs for fools to learn, not to repeat." — African proverb
87. "If you climb up a tree, you must climb down the same tree." — African proverb
88. "An army of sheep led by a lion can defeat an army of lions led by a sheep." — Ghanaian proverb



89. "Being well dressed does not prevent one from being poor." — African proverb
90. "You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk." — South African proverb
91. "The man who counts the bits of food he swallows is never satisfied." — African proverb
92. "A hungry stomach makes a short prayer." — African proverb
93. "Two ants do not fail to pull one grasshopper." — Tanzanian proverb



94. "However long a log floats on the river, it will never become a crocodile." — Congolese proverb
95. "When you befriend a chief, remember that he sits on a rope." — Ugandan proverb
96. "He who does not cultivate his field will die of hunger."  
— Guinean proverb





97. "When two elephants fight, it is the grass that gets trampled." — Swahili saying
98. "One who bathes willingly with cold water doesn't feel the cold." — Fipa (Tanzanian) proverb
101. "The lizard that jumped from the high Iroko tree said he would praise himself if no one else did." — Nigerian Proverb

102. "The frown on the face of the goat will not stop it from being taken to the market." — Nigerian Proverb



103. "If the cockroach wants to rule over the chicken, then it must hire the fox as a bodyguard." — Sierra Leonean proverb
104. "It is the fool's sheep that break loose twice." — Somali proverb

105. "A large chair does not make a king." — Sudanese proverb

106. "You cannot climb to the mountaintop without crushing some weeds with your feet." — Ugandan Proverb

107. "He who fears the sun will not become chief." — Ugandan proverb

108. "A restless foot may walk into a snake pit." — Egyptian proverb



109. "An old man is always afraid of the dry season." — Kenyan Proverb

110. "When a king has good counselors, his reign is peaceful." — Ashanti proverb



111. "The mouth gets its share before the hand." —  
Ethiopian Proverb

112. "The same sun that melts the wax hardens the clay." —



African proverb

113. "Wisdom is like a goat skin bag; every man carries his  
own." — Kenyan proverb

114. "To love the king is not bad, but a king who loves you  
is better." — Wolof proverb

115. "The dog that barks much does not bite." — Sierra Leonean Proverb



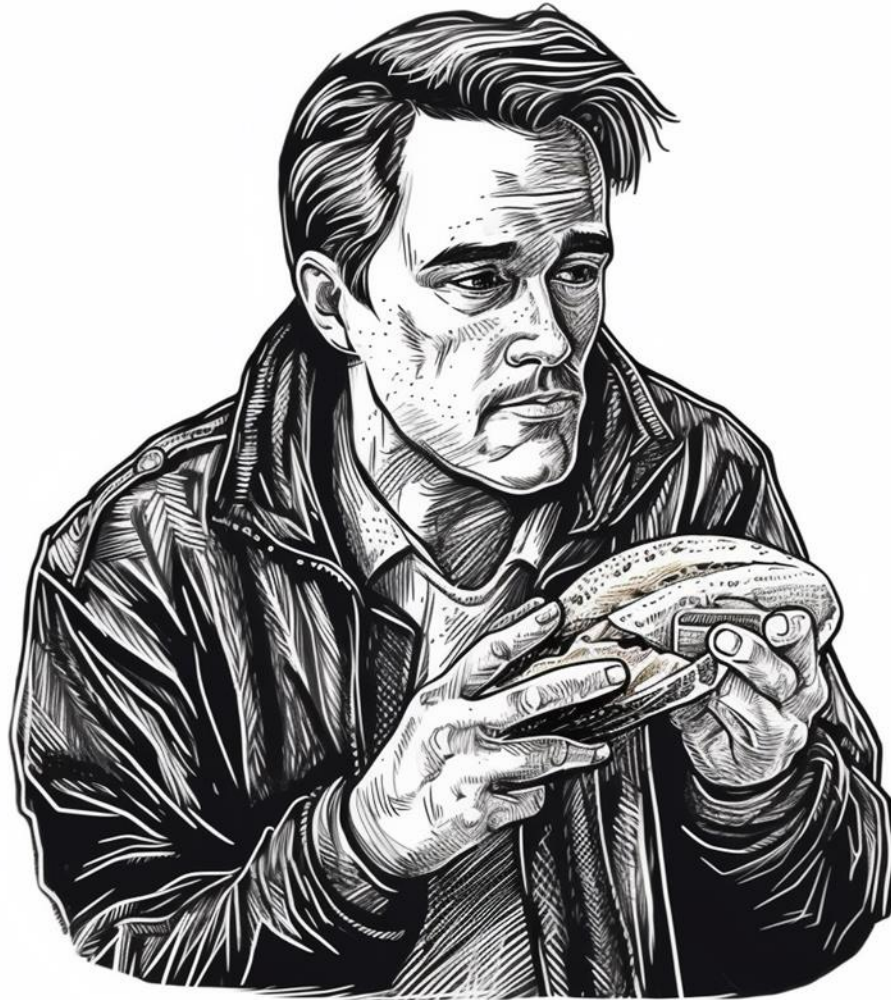
116. "It is Mr. Old-Man-Monkey who marries Mrs. Old-Woman-Monkey." — Malawian proverb
117. "No one gets a mouthful of food by picking between another person's teeth." — Ivorian proverb

118. "The monkey who tries to see the hunter clearly collects bullets in its eyes." — Nigerian Proverb
119. "You learn how to cut down trees by cutting them down." — Bateke proverb
121. "The child who has never been to a farm thinks the chicken is a bird." — African proverb
122. "A talkative bird will not build a nest." — Senegalese proverb





123. "Not every dog bark should make you climb a tree." —  
Malawian proverb



124. "The man who has bread to eat does not appreciate the severity of a famine." — Yoruba proverb
125. "If the walls of your house are leaning, postpone the hunt for a rat." — Namibian proverb
126. "A borrowed fiddle does not finish a tune." —  
Zimbabwean proverb

127. "The chicken that digs for food will not sleep hungry."  
— African proverb



128. "If a child washes his hands he could eat with kings."  
— Ghanaian proverb
129. "When the moon is shining the cripple becomes hungry  
for a walk." — African proverb

130. "An empty bag will not stand upright." — Haitian proverb
131. "The hand you cannot bite, do not despise." — Zimbabwean proverb
132. "Even the lion, the king of the forest, protects himself against flies." — Ghanaian proverb





133. "He who does not know one thing knows another." —  
Kenyan proverb
134. "It is the calm and silent water that drowns a man." —  
Ghanaian proverb
135. "The eyes of the master will do more work than both  
his hands." — Ethiopian proverb
136. "One should never rub bottoms with a porcupine." —  
South African proverb



137. "You are beautiful, but learn to work, for you cannot eat your beauty." — Congolese proverb
138. "The only way to eat an elephant in your path is to cut him up into little pieces." — African proverb
139. "A roaring lion kills no game." — Tanzanian proverb



140. "One who causes others misfortune also teaches them wisdom." — African proverb

141. "The wise man never takes a step too long for his leg."  
— Somali proverb



142. "The lion who breaks the enemy's ranks is a minor hero compared to the lion who overcomes himself." — Ethiopian proverb



143. "You don't need a light on a sunny day." — Kenyan proverb

144. "An old woman is always uneasy when dry bones are mentioned in a proverb." — African proverb



145. "What is learned in the cradle lasts till the grave." — Egyptian proverb

146. "If you offend, ask for a pardon; if offended, forgive."  
— Nigerian proverb
147. "The one who throws the stone forgets; the one who is  
hit remembers forever." — Ghanaian proverb
148. "An elephant is not burdened by its trunk." — Zulu  
proverb
149. "A good deed is something one returns." — Central  
African proverb
150. "A family tie is like a tree; it can bend but it cannot  
break." — African proverb



151. "Too  
many words  
blacken your  
ears." —

Malagasy  
proverb

152. "He who  
has a fever is the  
one who  
understands it."

— Burundian  
proverb

153. "We do  
not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from  
our children." — African proverb

154. "Don't call the forest that shelters you a jungle." — Ghanaian proverb

155. "Words are like spears: Once they leave your lips they can never come back." — African proverb

161. "The teeth of a man serve as a fence." — Wolof Proverb



162. "A heart in love with beauty never grows old." — Somali Proverb



163. "The dream of a hawk is not the same as that of a chicken." — Nigerian Proverb
164. "It takes a village to raise a child." — African Proverb
165. "A fool and water will go the way they are diverted." — African Proverb
166. "A poor child shivers in the cold so that others can see the sunset." — Sierra Leonean Proverb
167. "The blame of the antelope is on the hunter." — Kenyan



Proverb

168. "The lion's power lies in our fear of him." — Nigerian Proverb
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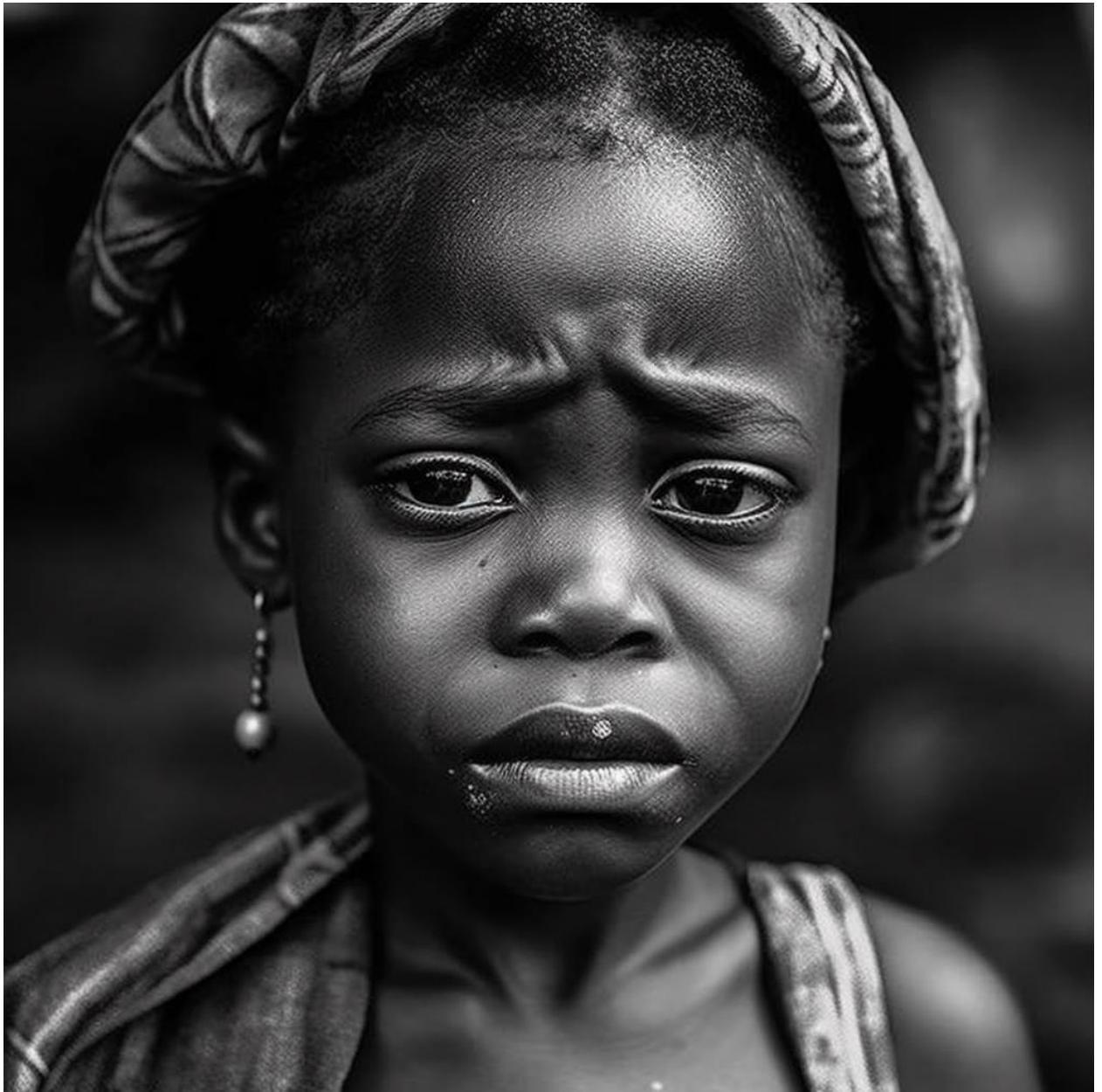
170. "One does not cross a river without getting wet." — Nigerian Proverb
171. "If there is character, ugliness becomes beauty; if there is none, beauty becomes ugliness." — Nigerian Proverb
172. "He who refuses to obey cannot command." — Kenyan Proverb
173. "The wise man never knows all, only the fool knows everything." — African Proverb
174. "If you are in hiding, don't light a fire." — Ghanaian Proverb



181. "The child you sired hasn't sired you." — Somali Proverb

182. "There is no fool who is disowned by his family." — Kenyan Proverb

183. "The one who loves you will also make you weep." — Algerian Proverb





184. "If the wind blows, it enters everywhere; so, does mercy if you have it." — Ethiopian Proverb
185. "He who refuses to embrace a unique opportunity loses the prize as surely as if he had tried and failed." — Ghanaian Proverb
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188. "The only way to catch a chameleon on a tree is to burn the tree." — Malagasy Proverb
189. "You can't tell a hungry child that you gave him food yesterday." — Zimbabwean Proverb
190. "The ruin of a nation begins in the homes of its people." — Ghanaian Proverb
191. "A fool looks for dung where the cow never browsed." — Ethiopian Proverb
192. "The world is a marketplace and a home." — Nigerian Proverb

193. "When a man is stung by a bee, he doesn't set off to destroy all beehives." — Kenyan Proverb



194. "A close friend can become a close enemy." — African Proverb
195. "Fire and gunpowder do not sleep together." — Ghanaian Proverb

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204. "Water that has been begged for does not quench the thirst." — Soga Proverb

205. "If you are building a house and a nail breaks, do you stop building or do you change the nail?" — Rwandan Proverb

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207. "If your mouth turns into a knife, it will cut off your lips." — African Proverb

208. "Do not look where you fell, but where you slipped." — African Proverb



209. "To get lost is to learn the way." — African Proverb

210. "A closed mouth catches no flies." — Moroccan Proverb
211. "He who wants to barter the elephant must measure the open field." — Hausa Proverb
212. "Words are like bullets; if they escape, you can't catch them again." — African Proverb
213. "No matter how hot your anger may be, it cannot boil yams." — Nigerian Proverb
221. "A child who is carried on the back will not know how far the journey is." — African Proverb
222. "He who loves money must labor." — Mauritanian Proverb
223. "A tree is known by its fruit." — Zulu Proverb
224. "The elephant does not limp when walking on thorns." — Ethiopian Proverb
225. "Do not call the forest that shelters you a jungle." — African Proverb
226. "A farmer does not boast that he has had a good harvest until his stock of yams lasts till the following harvest season." — Nigerian Proverb
227. "What you give you get, tenfold." — Zimbabwean Proverb
228. "Don't expect to be offered a chair when you visit a place where the chief himself sits on the floor." — African Proverb



229. "One falsehood spoils a thousand truths." — Ashanti Proverb

230. "The tongue is the enemy of the neck." — Yoruba Proverb

231. "The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The second-best time is now." — African Proverb

232. "The beauty of a woman becomes useless if there is no one to admire it." — African Proverb



233. "Little by little grow the bananas." — Congolese Proverb

234. "A bundle cannot be fastened with only one stick." — Mauritanian Proverb
235. "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." — African Proverb
236. "By the time the fool has learned the game, the players have dispersed." — Ashanti Proverb
237. "You do not stumble over something behind you." — African Proverb
241. "You cannot climb a tree from the top." — Nigerian Proverb
242. "He who is unable to dance says that the yard is stony." — Somali Proverb
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— Egyptian Proverb
257. "Do not talk about a rhinoceros if there is no tree  
nearby." — Zulu Proverb
258. "A slippery person is not a king." — African Proverb
259. "The friends of our friends are our friends." —  
Congolese Proverb
261. "A wise man who knows proverbs reconciles  
difficulties." — Yoruba Proverb
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269. "Even as the archer loves the arrow that flies, so too he loves the bow that remains constant in his hands." — Nigerian Proverb
270. "Life is like a shadow and a mist; it passes quickly by and is no more." — Wolof Proverb
271. "A chick that will grow into a cock can be spotted the very day it hatches." — Ibo Proverb
272. "The pillar of the world is hope." — Kanuri Proverb
273. "One camel does not make fun of the other camel's hump." — Ghanaian Proverb
274. "Good millet is known at the harvest." — Liberian Proverb
275. "The sun never sets without fresh news." — Xhosa Proverb
281. "When the roots of a tree begin to decay, it spreads death to the branches." — Nigerian Proverb
282. "No one gets a mouthful of food by picking between another person's teeth." — Ivorian Proverb
283. "It is better to walk than curse the road." — Wolof Proverb
284. "You cannot climb a tree you can't reach." — African Proverb
285. "Youth is beauty, even in cattle." — Egyptian Proverb



286. "An elephant can be killed by a single stick." — Ghanaian Proverb

287. "The teeth are smiling, but is the heart?" — Congolese Proverb



288. "If the lizard of the home does not do the rock-dance, who will?" — African Proverb

289. "No one shows a child the sky." — Ugandan Proverb

290. "The frown on the face of the goat will not stop it from being taken to the market." — Nigerian Proverb
291. "Sugar cane is sweetest at its joint." — African Proverb
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301. "When the bag tears, the shoulders get a rest." — Rwandan Proverb
302. "Love is a spontaneous process; you cannot control it, just like you cannot control the time the sun rises." — Zambian Proverb
303. "An anthill that is destined to become a giant anthill will definitely become one, no matter how many times it is destroyed by elephants." — Malawian Proverb
304. "If a bird does not recognize a tree, it will not perch on it." — Ugandan Proverb
305. "No matter how full the river, it still wants to grow." — Congolese Proverb
306. "The poor man's dog barks at the wind; the rich man's dog barks at the mountain." — African Proverb

307. "He who does not seize opportunity today will be unable to seize tomorrow's opportunity." — Somali Proverb

308. "To be called a man is not a matter of age but a matter of action." — Nigerian Proverb



309. "You are only as free as you think you are, and freedom will always be as real as you believe it to be." — Namibian Proverb



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one chased away with kolanut does not." — Igbo Proverb
315. "The snake that strikes at a man from the top of a palm  
tree is doomed to be killed." — Yoruba Proverb
316. "If you overtake a leader, you break your neck." —  
Ghanaian Proverb
317. "Too much discussion means a quarrel." — Egyptian  
Proverb
318. "The child who has never gotten burnt by fire thinks it  
is as cool as water." — Nigerian Proverb
321. "If you refuse to be made straight when you are green,  
you will not be made straight when you are dry." — African  
Proverb
322. "The leaf that falls into the river is followed by others,  
but the river keeps flowing." — Malian Proverb
323. "A cracked bell can never sound well." — Moroccan  
Proverb

324. "To try and fail is not laziness." — South Sudanese Proverb

325. "Don't throw away the old bucket until you know whether the new one holds water." — South African Proverb



326. "When you have no choice, mobilize the spirit of courage." — Jewish Proverb

327. "If you can't resolve your problems in peace, you can't solve them with war." — Somali Proverb
328. "Kindness is like sugar, it makes life taste a little sweeter." — African Proverb
329. "When the music changes, so does the dance." — African Proverb
330. "The one who loves an unsightly person is the one who makes him beautiful." — Ugandan Proverb
331. "Not everyone who chased the zebra caught it, but he who caught it, chased it." — South African Proverb
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333. "Every elephant has two sets of tusks, those in front and the others behind." — Rwandan Proverb
334. "No matter how hot your anger may be, it cannot cook yams." — Nigerian Proverb
335. "To understand the disease, consult the patient." — Egyptian Proverb
336. "A lie can outrun the truth, but it cannot outlast it." — Ghanaian Proverb
337. "The sun sets without thy assistance." — Egyptian Proverb
341. "An old man sitting down can see further than a young man standing up." — Ghanaian Proverb



342. "A man's grave is by the roadside." — Ibibio Proverb



343. "A person is a person because of other persons." — Zulu Proverb

344. "If you have no teeth, do not break the clay cooking pot." — Zimbabwean Proverb

345. "However long the night, the dawn will break." — Hausa Proverb

346. "The lion does not turn around when a small dog barks."  
— African Proverb
347. "Wisdom is not like money to be tied up and hidden."  
— Akan Proverb
348. "Character is like a pregnancy, it cannot be hidden." —  
Nigerian Proverb
349. "You cannot name a child that is not born." — African  
Proverb
350. "The laughter of a child lights up the house." — Swahili  
Proverb
351. "Those who are at one regarding food are at one in life."  
— Malawian Proverb
352. "If you wish to move mountains tomorrow, you must  
start by lifting stones today." — African Proverb
353. "A bridge has no allegiance to either side." — Lesotho  
Proverb
354. "When you show the moon to a child, it sees only your  
finger." — Zambian Proverb
361. "The humble pay for the mistakes of their leaders." —  
Zimbabwean Proverb
362. "The hyena chasing two gazelles at the same time will  
go to bed hungry." — African Proverb
363. "A bird will always use another bird's feathers to feather  
its own nest." — Malawi Proverb

364. "A borrowed fiddle does not finish a tune." — Mozambique Proverb

365. "Those who accomplish great things pay attention to little ones." — Malian Proverb

366. "If the rhythm of the drumbeat changes, the dance step must adapt." — African Proverb





367. "One who eats alone cannot discuss the taste of the food with others." — African Proverb
368. "To be without a friend is to be poor indeed." — Tanzanian Proverb
369. "You do not beat a drum with one finger." — African Proverb
370. "When a once-beautiful piece of cloth has turned into rags, no one remembers that it was woven by Ukwa master weavers." — Igbo Proverb
371. "If your only tool is a hammer, you will see every problem as a nail." — Gambian Proverb
372. "The cook does not have to be a beautiful woman." — Shona Proverb
373. "It is not the cook's fault when the cassava turns out to be hard and tasteless." — Ewe Proverb
374. "Wisdom is wealth." — Swahili Proverb
375. "He who wants to barter, usually knows what is best for him." — Nigerian Proverb
381. "Only when you have crossed the river can you say the crocodile has a lump on his snout." — Ghanaian Proverb
382. "The tree that cannot shed its old leaves in the dry season cannot survive the period of drought." — Senegalese Proverb
383. "Two ants do not fail to pull one grasshopper." — Tanzanian Proverb

384. "A borrowed drum does not make good dancing." —  
Zulu Proverb



385. "When the mouse laughs at the cat, there's a hole  
nearby." — Nigerian Proverb

386. "He who is being carried does not realize how far the  
town is." — Nigerian Proverb

387. "If you think you have someone eating out of your hands, it is a good idea to count your fingers." — Nigerian Proverb
388. "Better little than too little." — Cameroonian Proverb
389. "However long the night, the dawn will break." — African Proverb
390. "If you close your eyes because of your enemies, you will not be able to see your friends." — African Proverb
391. "However far the stream flows, it never forgets its source." — Nigerian Proverb
392. "The only woman who knows where her man is every night is a widow." — Togolese Proverb
393. "You can't hide the smoke of the hut you set on fire." — South African Proverb
394. "If you are building a house and a nail breaks, do you stop building, or do you change the nail?" — Rwandan Proverb
395. "Money is sharper than a sword." — African Proverb
396. "He who digs too deep for a fish may come up with a snake." — African Proverb
401. "To run is not necessarily to arrive." — Swahili Proverb
402. "A farmer does not clear the forest and expect to eradicate the lizard." — Nigerian Proverb
403. "A crowd is not company." — Ethiopian Proverb



404. "A knowledgeable man does not ask questions about what he already knows." — Ethiopian Proverb
405. "Even a fool is thought wise when he keeps silent." — African Proverb
406. "Two rams cannot drink from the same bucket at the same time." — Nigerian Proverb



407. "The pillar of the world is hope." — Kanuri Proverb
408. "The wise man speaks; the patient man hears." — African Proverb
409. "Do not follow a person who is running away." — Kenyan Proverb
410. "The moon moves slowly but it crosses the town." — African Proverb
411. "The young bird does not crow until it hears the old ones." — Tswana Proverb
412. "Truth crosses fire without getting burnt." — Ethiopian Proverb
413. "If you are a lizard that eats pepper, you will discharge pepper." — Yoruba Proverb
414. "If you don't stand for something, you will fall for something." — African Proverb
415. "A family tie is like a tree; it can bend but it cannot break." — African Proverb
416. "You are beautiful, but learn to work, for you cannot eat your beauty." — Congolese Proverb
421. "A wise man who knows proverbs reconciles difficulties." — Yoruba Proverb
422. "You cannot divert a river from its source." — Malian Proverb

423. "A clear conscience is more valuable than wealth." —  
African Proverb

424. "Even the colors of a chameleon are for survival, not  
beauty." — African Proverb



425. "An intelligent enemy is better than a stupid friend." —  
Senegalese Proverb

426. "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." — African Proverb
427. "You cannot shave a man's head in his absence." — Ghanaian Proverb
428. "The words of the elders become sweet someday." — South African Proverb
429. "What you give you get, ten times over." — Yoruba Proverb
430. "To get lost is to learn the way." — African Proverb
431. "The one who loves does not take revenge." — Sudanese Proverb
432. "Good music goes with good food." — African Proverb
433. "One should either become a pillar or lean against one."  
"A liar will eventually meet someone more proficient than himself." — African Proverb
441. "One falsehood spoils a thousand truths." — Ashanti Proverb
442. "To be without knowledge is to be without light." — Somali Proverb
443. "The crocodile does not have a head for just nothing."  
— Nigerian Proverb
444. "The fruit of silence is tranquility." — Arabian Proverb
445. "There are forty kinds of lunacy, but only one kind of common sense." — African Proverb



446. "The chameleon looks in all directions before moving."  
— Ugandan Proverb



447. "A large chair does not make a king." — Sudanese Proverb
448. "The sun never sets without fresh news." — Xhosa Proverb

449. "Hunger is felt by a slave and hunger is felt by a king."  
— Ashanti Proverb

450. "No matter how much milk a cow has, it cannot milk  
itself." — Kenyan Proverb



451. "There is no medicine to cure hatred." — Ashanti  
Proverb

452. "Nobody is born wise." — African Proverb

453. "An empty pot makes the loudest noise." — Kenyan Proverb
454. "Learning expands great souls." — Namibian Proverb
461. "A farmer does not boast that he has had a good harvest until his stock is brought in." — African Proverb
462. "A patient that can swallow food makes the nurse doubtful." — Malagasy Proverb
463. "Wisdom is not like money to be tied up and hidden." — Akan Proverb
464. "You must act as if it is impossible to fail." — Ashanti Proverb
465. "Little by little grows the banana." — Congolese Proverb
466. "The river may be wide, but it can be crossed." — African Proverb
467. "One cannot both feast and become rich." — Ashanti Proverb
468. "One does not love if one does not accept from others." — Malian Proverb
469. "He who does not know one thing knows another." — Kenyan Proverb
470. "If you see a man in a gown eating with a man in rags, the food belongs to the latter." — African Proverb

471. "A united family eats from the same plate." — Baganda Proverb

481. "What one won't eat by itself, one will eat when mixed with other food." — Bantu Proverb

482. "Better a single decision maker than a thousand advisers." — Zimbabwean Proverb



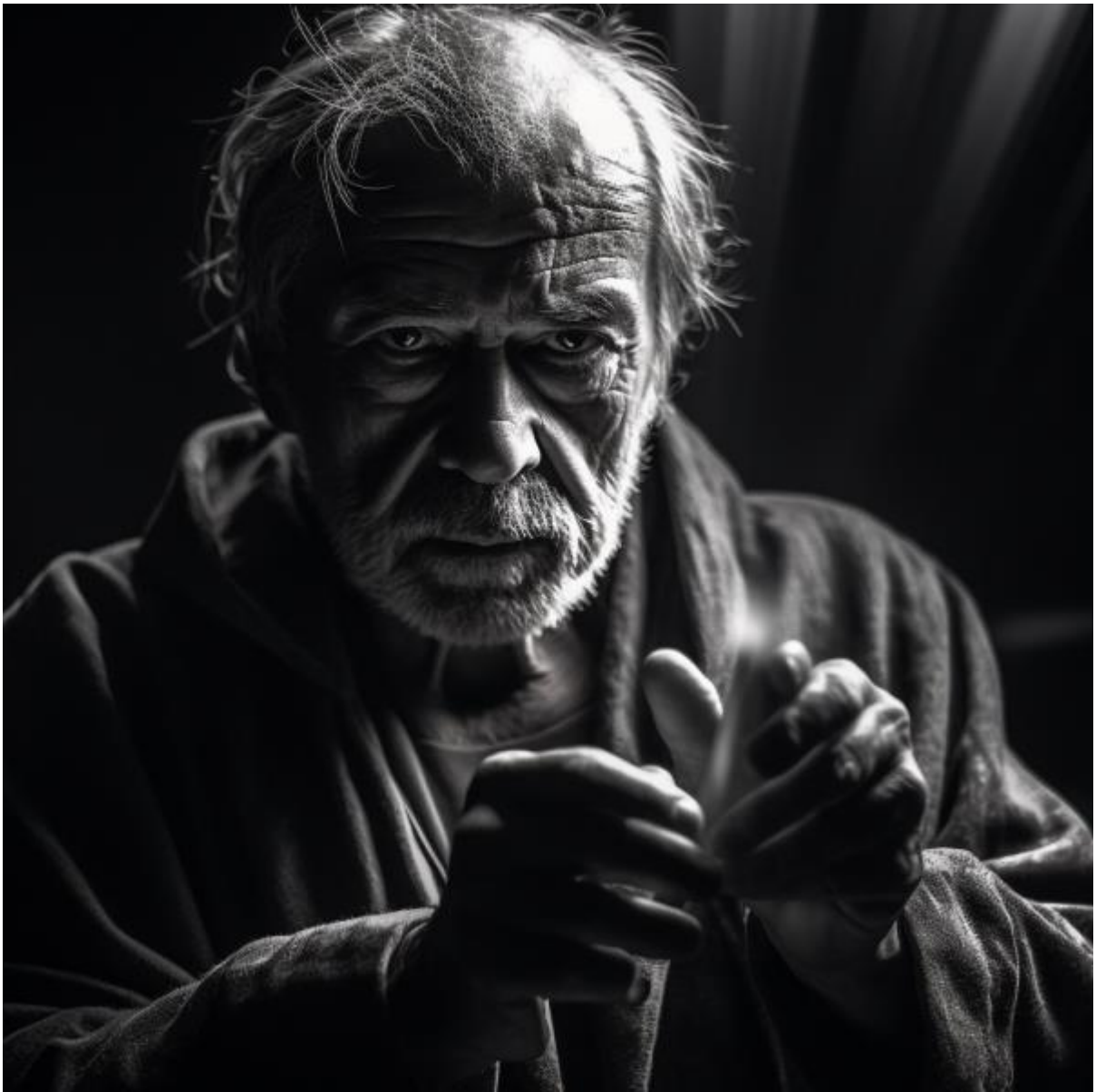


483. "When the roots of a tree begin to decay, it spreads death to the branches." — Nigerian Proverb
484. "The teeth are smiling, but is the heart?" — Congolese Proverb
485. "The night has ears." — African Proverb
486. "Do not be like the mosquito that bites the owner of the house." — Kenyan Proverb
487. "No matter how tall a tree is, it cannot block the sun." — Ghanaian Proverb
488. "The eagle doesn't catch flies." — African Proverb
489. "The reward of kindness is not seen at the back door." — Malian Proverb
490. "The butterfly that brushes against thorns will tear its wings." — Sudanese Proverb
491. "A slippery person is not a king." — Ashanti Proverb
492. "The key to all problems is the problem of consciousness." — African Proverb
493. "He who forgives ends the argument." — African "The wise create proverbs for fools to learn, not to repeat." — African Proverb
494. "What is bad luck for one man is good luck for another." — Ashanti Proverb
495. "Ears that do not listen to advice accompany the head when it is chopped off." — African Proverb

496. "The eyes are a window to the soul, yet they only offer a glimpse." — Zulu Proverb

497. "It's not what you call me, but what I answer to that matters the most." — African Proverb

498. "A man who uses force is afraid of reasoning." — Kenyan Proverb



499. "The day on which one starts out is not the time to start one's preparations." — Nigerian Proverb
500. "Do not let what you cannot do tear from your hands what you can." — Ashanti Proverb
501. "The child you sired hasn't sired you." — Somali Proverb
502. "If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything— African Proverb"
503. "He who forgives ends the argument." — African Proverb
506. "The one who loves an unsightly person is the one who makes him beautiful." — African Proverb
507. "He who learns, teaches." — Ethiopian Proverb
508. "We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children." — African Proverb
509. "Even the best dancer on the stage must retire sometime." — Yoruba Proverb
510. "A woman is never old when it comes to the dance she knows." — African Proverb
511. "Without a leader, black ants are confused." — Ugandan Proverb
512. "The hyena chasing two gazelles at the same time will go to bed hungry." — African Proverb
513. "When you follow in the path of your father, you learn to walk like him." — Ashanti Proverb

514. "Covetousness is the father of unfulfilled dreams." — Beninese Proverb

516. "Don't look where you fell, but where you slipped." — African Proverb

517. "Sugar cane is sweetest at its joints." — Kenyan Proverb



518. "By the time the fool has learned the game, the players have dispersed." — Ashanti Proverb



519. "Love is a despot who spares no one." — Namibian Proverb

520. "What has horns must not be hidden in a sack." — Zimbabwean Proverb

521. "No one shows a child the sky." — Ugandan Proverb

522. "It is Mr. Old-Man-Monkey who marries Mrs. Old-Woman-Monkey." — Nigerian Proverb

523. "A canoe does not know who the leader is; when it turns over, everyone gets wet." — Malagasy Proverb

524. "An ugly child of your own is more to you than a beautiful one belonging to your friend.

525. "One should never rub bottoms with a porcupine." — South African Proverb

526. "Sorrow is like rice in the store; if a basketful is removed each day, it will come to an end at last." — Liberian Proverb

527. "A hyena cannot smell its own stench." — Kalenjin Proverb

528. "If you are building a house and a nail breaks, do you stop building, or do you change the nail?" — Rwandan Proverb

529. "The one-eyed are kings in the land of the blind." — Cameroonian Proverb

530. "Wood already touched by fire is not hard to set alight." — African Proverb

531. "Peace is costly but it is worth the expense." — Kenyan Proverb

532. "If you think you are too small to make a difference, you haven't spent the night with a mosquito." — African Proverb

533. "A restless foot may walk into a snake pit." — African Proverb



534. "A child does not laugh at the ugliness of its mother." — Ghanaian Proverb

535. "There can be no peace without understanding." — Senegalese Proverb

536. "However long the night, the dawn will break." — African Proverb

537. "Rain does not fall on one roof alone." — Cameroonian Proverb

538. "A ripe melon falls by itself." — African Proverb

539. "An empty drum makes the loudest noise." — Kenyan Proverb

540. "Milk and honey have different colors, but they share the same house peacefully." — African Proverb

541. "When a tree falls, the monkeys scatter." — African Proverb

542. "Even the lion, the king of the forest, protects himself against flies." — Ghanaian Proverb

543. "The child you sired hasn't sired you." — Somali Proverb

544. "The heart of the wise man lies quiet like limpid water." — Cameroon Proverb

"When you befriend a chief, remember that he sits on a rope." — Ugandan Proverb

545. "The wise create proverbs for fools to learn, not to repeat." — African Proverb

546. "A clever king is the brother of peace." — African Proverb



547. "The ruin of a nation begins in the homes of its people." — Ghanaian Proverb

548. "The lizard that jumped from the high iroko tree said he would praise himself if no one else did." — Igbo Proverb

549. "Love is a despot who spares no one." — Namibian Proverb

550. "A brave man dies once, a coward a thousand times." — Somali Proverb



551. "The day on which one starts out is not the time to start one's preparations." — Nigerian Proverb
552. "A king's child is a slave elsewhere." — Yoruba Proverb
553. "If you are filled with pride, then you will have no room for wisdom." — African Proverb
554. "You can't build a house for last year's summer." — Ethiopian Proverb
555. "You can't use your hand to force the sun to set." — African Proverb
556. "Love is a painkiller." — African Proverb
557. "Where love reigns, the impossible may be attained." — Indian Proverb
558. "Happiness is as good as food." — Maasai Proverb
559. "Do not let what you cannot do tear from your hands what you can." — Ashanti Proverb
560. "Words are the voice of the heart." — Cameroonian Proverb
561. "If you refuse the advice of an elder you will walk until sunset." — Ghanaian Proverb
562. "Do not forget what is to be a sailor because of being a captain yourself." — Tanzanian Proverb
563. "A child does not die because the mother's breasts are dry." — African Proverb
564. "A roaring lion does not catch game." — African Proverb

565. "The sun will shine on those who stand before it shines on those who kneel under them." — Nigerian Proverb

566. "The fish in the water is silent, the animals on the earth are noisy, the bird in the air is singing. But man has in him the silence of the sea, the noise of the earth and the music of the air." — Indian Proverb



567. "A person is a person because of other persons." — Zulu Proverb

568. "The one who loves an unsightly person is the one who makes him beautiful." — Ugandan Proverb

569. "If you refuse to be made straight when you are green, you will not be made straight when you are dry." — African Proverb

570. "If you don't have patience, you cannot make beer." — Ovambo Proverb

571. "The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The second-best time is now." — African Proverb

572. "A wise person will always find a way." — Tanzanian Proverb

573. "If you are building a house and a nail breaks, do you stop building or do you change the nail?" — Rwandan Proverb

574. "No matter how full the river, it still wants to grow." — Congolese Proverb

575. "He who learns, teaches." — Ethiopian Proverb

576. "A fight between grasshoppers is a joy to the crow." — Lesotho Proverb

577. "When you have no choice, mobilize the spirit of courage." — Jewish Proverb

578. "Examine what is said, not him who speaks." — Egyptian Proverb

579. "The roaring lion kills no game." — African Proverb

580. "One camel does not make fun of the other camel's hump." — Ghanaian Proverb



581. "A chick that will grow into a cock can be spotted the very day it hatches." — Ibo Proverb

582. "Where you will sit when you are old shows where you stood in youth." — Yoruba Proverb



583. "He who fears the sun will not become chief." — Ugandan Proverb
584. "The orphan does not rejoice after a heavy breakfast." — African Proverb
585. "No one can uproot the tree which God has planted." — Zairean Proverb
586. "The fish that knows the depth of the water swims alone." — African Proverb
587. "The patient person eats ripe fruit." — African Proverb
588. "Wisdom is wealth." — Swahili Proverb
589. "In the moment of crisis, the wise build bridges and the foolish build dams." — Nigerian Proverb
590. "A deaf ear is followed by death and an ear that listens are followed by blessings." — African Proverb
591. "He who wants to warm himself in old age must build a fireplace in his youth." — African Proverb
592. "The ruin of a nation begins in the homes of its people." — Ghanaian Proverb
593. "Those who are at one regarding food are at one in life." — Malawian Proverb
594. "Unity is strength, division is weakness." — Swahili Proverb
595. "Where there are experts, there will be no lack of learners." — Swahili Proverb

596. "Wisdom is like a baobab tree; no one individual can embrace it." — Ewe Proverb

597. "The horn of a rhino can never be too heavy for it." — African Proverb



598. "An empty drum makes the loudest noise." — Kenyan Proverb

599. "A quarrelsome chief does not hold a village together."

600. "He who fears the sun will not become a chief." — Ugandan Proverb

601. "It is easy to become a monk in one's old age." — Zimbabwean Proverb

602. "A stubborn fly follows the corpse to the grave." — African Proverb

603. "He who has no intelligence is happy with it." — Malian Proverb

604. "The hand that gives is the hand that receives." — Ethiopian Proverb

607. "Wealth, if you use it, comes to an end; learning, if you use it, increases." — Swahili Proverb

608. "The one-eyed are kings in the land of the blind." — Somali Proverb

609. "Words of wisdom are spoken by the quietest voice." — Maasai Proverb

610. "It is better to travel alone than with a bad companion." — African Proverb

611. "A tree does not make a forest." — Nigerian Proverb

612. "To wash a donkey's tail is a loss of time and soap." — African Proverb

613. "If you have no teeth, do not break the clay cooking pot." — Zimbabwean Proverb

614. "A single hand cannot nurse a child." — Swahili Proverb



615. "You cannot blame a mirror for your ugly face." — Mozambican Proverb

616. "Better little than too little." — Cameroonian Proverb

617. "Not all that is black is charcoal." — Kenyan Proverb

618. "You learn how to cut down trees by cutting them down."  
— Bateke Proverb



619. "The one who loves an unsightly person is the one who makes him beautiful." — Ugandan Proverb

620. "Wisdom does not come overnight." — Somali Proverb

621. "Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere." — African Proverb

622. "The mouse says, 'You cannot have too many holes.'" — Swahili Proverb

623. "Those who accomplish great things pay attention to little ones." — Malawian Proverb

624. "He who is carried on another's back does not appreciate how far off the town is." — Nigerian Proverb

625. "However long the night, the dawn will break." — African Proverb

628. "You cannot work for food when there is no food for work." — African Proverb

629. "A child is a child of everyone." — Sudanese Proverb

630. "When the moon is not full, the stars shine more brightly." — Buganda Proverb

631. "If the fight is tomorrow, why clench your fist today?" — African Proverb

632. "One hand cannot tie a bundle." — African Proverb

633. "He who has diarrhea knows the direction of the door without being told." —

634. "If there is cause to hate someone, the cause to love has just begun." — Wolof Proverb

635. "If the lion's paw is not filled with mud, it can tear apart any other animal." — Zimbabwean Proverb



636. "When there is peace in the country, the chief does not carry a shield." — Ugandan Proverb

637. "The one-eyed are kings in the land of the blind." — Moroccan Proverb

638. "A tree is known for its fruit." — Zulu Proverb

639. "A roaring lion doesn't catch game." — Maasai Proverb

640. "If you close your eyes because of your enemies, you will not be able to see your friends." — African Proverb

641. "Even a hen frowns when it steps on thorns." — Yoruba Proverb

642. "No matter how hot your anger may be, it cannot cook yams." — Nigerian Proverb

643. "Birds of all kinds will end up landing." — Malian Proverb

644. "One spoon of soup in need has more value than a pot of soup when we have an abundance of food." —

645. "The thief does not steal in an unfamiliar place." — Yoruba Proverb

646. "Wisdom does not come overnight." — Somali Proverb

647. "The ruin of a nation begins in the homes of its people." — Ghanaian Proverb

648. "Even the lion, the king of the forest, protects himself against flies." — Ghanaian Proverb

649. "Too many words blacken the ears." — Ivorian Proverb

650. "He who dictates separates himself from others." — Somali Proverb

651. "Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere." — Chinese Proverb

652. "Not everything you see is what it appears to be." — Mozambican Proverb

653. "Rain does not fall on one roof alone." — Cameroonian Proverb





655. "Man is like palm-wine: when young, sweet but without strength; in old age, strong but harsh." — African Proverb

656. Reading books removes sorrows from the heart. - Moroccan proverb.

657. "We will all be grateful to flowers only if they have born fruits". - Zambian proverb.

658. "Quotation marks. Caution is not cowardice. Even the ants March armed". -Ugandan proverb

**Let's go to the Congo. With some Congolese proverbs.**

659. The nuts from a palm tree don't fall without dragging a few leaves with it.

660. No matter how full the river is, it still wants to grow.

661. Don't cut off the monkey's tail before it is dead.

662. Pride goes only as far as one can spit.

663. The iron never takes advice from the hammer.

664. Little by little. The banana grows.

665. The white man never forgets Europe.

666. The mother-in-law shows you her size without shame. You are the embarrassed one.

667. A cat goes to a monastery, But it remains a cat.

668. One knife will not cut another knife. One cheat will not cheat, another cheat.

669. Those who inherit fortunes are frequently more of a problem than those who made them.

670. Mother in laws, Are hard of hearing.



671. Being well dressed does not prevent one from being poor.

672. He was free from faults, will never die.

673. Two birds disputed about a kernel, when a third swooped down and carried it off.

674. If you tell two people to live together, you tell them to quarrel.

675. He who doesn't like chattering women must stay a bachelor.

676. Woe to the high-spirited bride whose mother-in-law is still alive.

677. Don't buy a boat that is underwater.

678. Love is like a baby; It needs to be treated tenderly.

679. The teeth are smiling, but is the heart?

680. Great events May stem from words of no importance.

681. No matter how long the night. The day is sure to come.

682. An idiot will cross an ox with an elephant.

683. The sun shoots a leopard. The father is proud.

684. Drink beer. Think beer.

685. Without war, there can be no peace.

686. Friendship does not need pepper to cry.

687. The friends of our friends are our friends.

688. Lovers do not hide their nakedness.

689. Don't buy the salt if you haven't licked it yet.

690. Man is like plum wine. When young, sweet but without strength. In old age, strong but harsh.

691. War ends nothing.

692. Do not dispose of the monkey's tail before it is dead.

693. Death does not sound a trumpet.

694. The watched chicken never lays.



695. The portion that a man keeps for himself is usually not the smallest.

696. To love someone who does not love you is like shaking a tree to make the dew drops fall.



697. Lower your head modestly while passing and you will not harvest bananas.

698. Those who are absent are always wrong.

699. A pretty basket does not prevent worries.

700. The flesh of a young animal tastes flat.

701. Even without drumbeats, the banana leaves dance.

702. A house with two keys is worth nothing.

703. The impotent man does not eat spicy foods.

704. The snake and the crab don't sleep in the same hole.

705. Children are the reward of life.

706. You inherit from the dead, not from the sick.

707. Wood may remain 10 years in the water, but it will never become a crocodile.

708. Sleep Is a cousin to death.

709. A little subtleness. It's better than a lot of force.

710. He who sits down is a cripple.

711. What is said over a dead lions body could not be said to him alive.

712. The fly has no pity for the thin man.

713. Let him speak to those who have seen with his own eyes.

714. A ball headed man will never grow hair by getting excited.

715. If you are too modest, you will go hungry.

716. One day of hunger is not starvation.

717. When the bee comes to your house, Let her have beer. You may want to visit the Bee's House Someday.

**Now let's visit Ghana for some Ghanaian proverbs.**

718. There is no medicine to cure hatred.

719. A good woman should be as bright as sunshine, as black as ink, and as sweet as honey.



720. When a deceiving man tells you to climb a tree, tell him to climb it first. If he finds a comfortable spot you can follow him.

721. If you come near the river, you will hear the crab cough.

722. The soul of a rich man has no taboos.

723. A calf that is sucking does not bellow.

724. You make a new arrow by comparing it to an old one.

725. He who falls victim to his enemies can expect no mercy.

726. If you go too near your relatives, they will not respect you.

727. The Army of the Palm Tree is its branches.

728. The strength of a palm tree is its branches.

729. A child does not laugh at the ugliness of its mother.

730. He who seems to be for you. May be working against you

731. If youthful pride is wealth, that every man would have had it in his lifetime.

732. The blacksmith in one village becomes a blacksmith's apprentice in another.

733. A wealthy person who begs for food is an insult to a generous farmer.

734. However high you lift a kid goat; you will place it gently on the ground.

735. The blood soup made of 1 palm nut, is shared in little drops.

736. I will get it because I can, one says with a reason.

737. There is no distinction among the common baskets made of palm branches.



738. A stranger dances. He does not sing.

739. If an opportunity is not taken when it comes, it passes away.

740. It is only one bad palm tree that spoils a whole lot of plum wine.



741. The goat says: “They bought my mother, not I”. Times keep changing.

742. A woman is a flower in a garden. Her husband is the fence around it.

743. Little palm tree, stop crying, your child is a tall palm tree.

744. The goat says: “What will come has already come”.

745. We must go back and reclaim our past so we can move forward. So, we understand why and how we came to be who we are today.

746. Look to the past to help us move forward in the future.

747. Look to the past to help us move forward in the future.

748. A worthy cause is worth pursuing to the end.

749. If the goat says it will become a sheep, there will always be black spots on its body.

750. One even knows when one's neighbors bread is in the oven.

751. The Good Wife is at her husband's home. The other one is at her parents' home.

752. Even if the old woman has no teeth, her tiger nuts remain in her own bag.

753. If the strong man has nothing else, he can at least command others.

754. One palm nut cannot be peeled twice.

755. The grasshopper, which is always near its mother, eats the best food.

756. One strong man does not catch another strong man.

757. When a man is coming towards you, you need not say “come here”.

758. Even the elephant can fan off flies with a short tail.



759. The left hand washes the right, and the right washes the left.

760. When the bag tears, the shoulders get a rest.

761. Even though the peel of the palm nut has no pulpy substance in it. It is still stripped off just the same.

762. If two proverbs are not similar, one is not used to explain the other.

763. The prickly branches of the palm tree do not show preference, even to friends.

764. When the palm nuts ripen. You carry half and I carry half.



765. Even though the sound of the horn is not pleasant. It is still blown by a man's mouth.

766. If two selfish young men sat next to a pot of water, the water spills out on the ground.

767. The responsibility of power is like holding an egg. Grasp it too tightly and it will drip through your fingers. Hold it too loosely and it will drop and break.





768. When women increase in wealth, they are silent. But when they fall into trouble, the whole world gets to know.

769. Everyone hates the red ant's on a cola nut because he cannot eat it or sell it.



770. He who is guilty has much to say.

771. Rain beats on a leopard skin. But it does not wash out the spots.

772. Wisdom is not like money to be tied up and hidden.



773. The white man lives in a castle. When he dies, he lives in the ground.

774. Only when you have crossed the river can you say the crocodile has a lump on his snout.

775. If you take your tongue to the pawn shop, you can't redeem it later.

776. Even though the old man is strong and hearty. He will not live forever.

777. The surface of the water is beautiful but it's not good to sleep on.



778. Only the fool points at his organs with his left hand.

779. If you find no fish, you must eat bread.

780. Don't expect to be offered a chair when you visit a place where the Chief himself sits on the floor.

781. When you are rich, you are respected. When you are poor, you are despised.

782. When you are at home, your troubles can never defeat you.

783. If we knew where death resided. We would never stay there.

784. Death has the key to open the miser's chest.

785. If things are getting easier, you may be headed downhill.

786. No one boasts of it belonging to another.





787. If there were no elephant in the jungle, the Buffalo would be a great animal.

788. By coming and going, a bird weaves its nest.

789. When a woman is hungry, she says: “roast something for the children that they may eat”

790. Nature gives us two cheeks instead of 1 to make it easier to eat hot food.

791. If the hunter comes back with mushrooms. Don't ask him how his hunt went.



792. When a man is wealthy, he may wear an old cloth.

793. The monkey says there is nothing better than Poverty. To unlearn man of his conceit.

794. If power can be bought, then sell your mother to get it.

795. An army is driven back by courage and not by insults. However, many.

796. When a king has good counsellors, his reign is a peaceful one.



797. Misfortune does not restrict his visits to one day.

798. A woman is like a Blanket. If you cover yourself with it, It bothers you if you throw it aside, you'll feel the cold.

799. The chicken is never declared in the Court of Hawks.

800. It is the wife who knows her husband.

801. Hunger is felt by a slave and a king alike.



802. When a man's coat is threadbare, it is easy to pick a hole in it.

803. A stranger does not skin a sheep that is paid as a fine. At a chiefs court.

804. Two small antelopes can beat one big one.



805. The chicken also knows when it's morning. But it still watches the mouth of the cock.

806. It is the fool whose own tomatoes are sold to him.

807. You cannot kill an elephant with a bullet of wax.



808. A knife does not know who Is its master.



809. Though the lion and the antelope happened to live in the same forest, The antelope still has time to grow up.

810. He who marries a real pretty is still seeking trouble.

811. Wood already touched by fire is not hard to set a light.

812. A child who is to be successful is not reared exclusively on a bed of down.

813. There is bound to be a knot in a very long string.

814. Money is sharper than a sword.

815. Nobody is shamed twice.

816. One cannot both feast and become rich.

817. 1 Falsehood Spoils 1000 truths.

818. There is no medicine against old age.

819. A bird does not beget a crab.

820. A crab does not beget a bird.

821. You cannot hide behind your finger.

822. Fire and gunpowder are not bedfellows.

823. Hate has no medicine.

824. It is old man monkey who marries old woman monkey.

825. One falsehood spoils many truths.

**Now let's go to the other side of Africa, to Kenya for some Kenyan proverbs.**

826. The cries of a goat do not prevent it from reaching the market.

827. Only scratch where you can reach.

828. The sun does not refuse to shine on a village just because it is small.

829. It is better to be poor when one is young rather than becoming poor at old age.

830. It is the duty of children to wait on elders, and not the elders on children.

831. Water doesn't stay in the sky forever.

832. No man can pass twice between the thighs of an elephant.

833. Anyone who urinates in a stream should be warned because any of his relatives may drink from the water.

834. Cut your nose to save your face.

835. Affairs of the home should not be discussed in the public square.



836. A sinking ship doesn't need a captain.

837. Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable.



838. Two fingers cannot enter the same nostril.

839. Soon found, soon lost.

840. He who does not know one thing knows another.

841. The Chiefs dog is the chief of dogs.



842. Is only a fool that sweats in water.

843. No matter how much the world changes, cats will never lay eggs.

844. Never let a hyena, know how well you can bite.



845. Good fortune doesn't roar like a lion.

846. He who keeps company with a bad person becomes bad themselves.

847. Empty stomachs create friendships.
848. A black Ant will not bite another.
849. At the harvest you know how good the millet is.
850. Bad dancing does not break an engagement.
851. No one person can use another person's teeth to smile.
852. Once you have been tossed by a Buffalo. A black ox looks like a Buffalo.
853. No attention is paid to him who is always complaining.
854. A woman's stomach does not grow if she is not pregnant.
855. A bird does not change its feathers because the weather is bad.
856. The grave of the grave digger is never deep.
857. The sweetness of sugar is not in its color.
858. Talking to one another is loving one another.
859. A rat trap catches both the guilty and the innocent.
860. A word in the heart does not win.
861. Every door has its own key.
862. When you take a knife away from a child, give him a piece of wood instead.
863. Hearts do not meet one another like roads.
864. Don't sweep another's house while yours is dirty.
865. Virtue is better than wealth.

866. The water of the river flows on without waiting for the thirsty man.

867. If it dead tree falls, it carries with it a live one.

868. There is no phrase that does not have a double meaning.

869. No matter how much rain falls on you, no wild banana tree will grow on your head.

870. No matter how tall the neck is the head will always be on top of it.

871. Burning charcoal is turned into ashes.

872. After a foolish deed comes remorse.

873. The horns of a cow cannot be hidden.



874. There is no difference between growing old and living your life.

875. No matter how tall your grandfather was. You have to do your own growing.

876. If you receive a gift, don't measure it.

877. The elephant and tiger do not go hunting on the same pasture.

878. Just because he harmed your goat. Do not go out and kill his bull.

879. You may laugh at your friend's roof. Don't laugh at his sleeping accommodations.

880. No one feels the pain that arises from unintended injury.

881. Help yourself and God will help you.

882. Two footsteps do not make a path.

883. A cat wearing gloves catches no mice.

884. How easy it is to defeat people who do not kindle Fire for themselves.

885. Seeing is different from being told.

886. A true person is the one who gives birth to a foolish child.

887. What is too hard for a man must be worth looking into.

888. When the things are ripe, all the birds want to eat.

889. A slave has no choice.

890. Even a friend cannot rescue one from old age.

891. An orphan calf licks his own back.

892. He who wants to sleep in the middle must be first to arrive.

893. Intelligent is like hair everyone has their own.



894. The only time you will see a quiet snake is when it has swallowed another snake.

895. Only believe a woman one day later.

896. Bordered grain. Does not fill up the granary.

897. Blessings are better than possessions.

898. Two watermelons cannot be hailed under one arm.



899. Nobody gathers wood to roast a thin goat.
900. An old banana leaf. was once young and green.
901. Do not follow a person who is running away.
902. The owl is the wisest of all birds because the more it sees,  
the less it talks.
903. Hurrying has no blessings.
904. The deeds of a man are greater than the details of his birth.
905. If gold rusts what will iron do?
906. Two men quarrelling do not share the same seat on a canoe.
907. Every bird fly with its own wings.
908. The House of a madman is never burnt.
909. If a greedy eater is near a patient, Such a patient, can never  
survive.
910. Old age devours your youth.
911. When an elephant falls, meat is sure to be surplus for those  
who follow the hunter.
912. A foul does not forget where it lays its eggs.
913. There is no elephant that complains about the weight of its  
trunk.
914. No elephant is burdened by the weight of its Tusk.
915. Each has its own way of moving.

916. Good thing sale, Bad things advertise.

917. Drip after drip depletes a jar of honey.

918. Absence makes the heart forget.

919. One finger alone cannot even kill a louse.

920. If the soup is sweet, It is money that cooks it.



921. A child does not die because the mother's breasts are dry.

922. When a ripe fruit sees an honest man, it drops.

923. He who does not look ahead always remains behind.

924. If you do not know death, Look at the grave.

925. Thunder is not yet rain.

926. He who once what is under the bed, must bend over to get it.

927. Beauty is not sold or eaten.

928. A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words.

**Now let's go up to Ethiopia. And see some Ethiopian proverbs.**

**929.** Counsel and advise him. If he refuses to listen, then let adversity teach him.

930. The dog barks after the hyena has left.

931. A rat's witness is another rat.

932. No one becomes wealthy because they broke a holiday. and no one gained weight because they broke a fast.

933. One who plants grapes by the roadside. And the one who marries a beautiful woman shares the same problem.

934. A woman without a man is like a field without a seed.

935. When one is in love a mountain top becomes a flat field.

936. The slamming of an elephant and the losses of a wealthy man are not noticeable.



937. When webs of a spider joined together, they can trap a lion.



938. A good conversation is always better than a good bed.

939. Slowly by slowly An egg will walk.

940. One keeps travelling on until one returns home. One lives on until one returns to Earth.

941. One who hides their illness cannot expect to be cured.

942. If one is not in a hurry. Even an egg will start walking.

943. It is foolish to start a fire just to see the flames.

944. One who learns will eventually teach.

945. A fool at 40 is a fool indeed.

946. A house with no woman is like a barn with no cow.

947. A foolish daughter teaches her mother how to give birth to children.

948. Do not catch a leopard by its tail, but if you do, then do not let it go.

949. I have a cow in the sky, but I cannot drink her milk.

950. Ridicule the palm tree only after the date harvest is finished.

951. There is no better witness, than with your own eyes witness.

952. Restless feet may lead you into a snake pit.

953. One who has not learned to walk. Cannot climb a ladder.

954. Pride cannot replace a dinner.

955. The frog wanting to be as large as an elephant. Ended up. Being burst.

956. The sky is very near for those who sit.

957. That which is over inflated. Will burst into pieces.

958. When the Nile River knows a secret. The desert soon will come to know it, too.

959. Whether it rains or not. The lentils have two eyes.

960. Love and a cup of coffee tastes best when hot.



961. Do not procrastinate or you will be left in between doing something, having something, or being nothing.

962. Do not spend the evening in a house where you cannot spend the night.

963. The person who grows up without guidance will find his mouth slipping instead of his foot.

964. A partner in business will not put you out of business.

965. A eye and a friend can hurt easily.



966. Telling a secret to someone who is unworthy could be compared to carrying a bag of grain with a hole in it.

967. Evil enters like a needle but spreads like an oak tree.

968. If you are hurt by a friend, run to your wife.

969. It is better to be the cub of a living Jackal. Than that of a dead lion.



970. When the heart is sad, tears will flow.

971. If you're going to a place where corn grows. Take a cutting tool with you.

972. What one wishes for is always better than what one has.



973. The best of mankind is the farmer. And the best type of food is fruit.

974. The Nile River has no resting place. It travels around carrying a log.



975. When the heart is overflowing. It will come out of the mouth.  
The same way.

976. To one who does not know. A garden. Could be a forest.
977. The one who is mistaken is the one who does nothing.
978. The skin reacts according to the country. It happens to be in.
979. Where there is no shame, there cannot be any honor.
980. Where man is. Disagreement follows.
981. While the heart of the fool. Is in his mouth, The mouth. Of a wise man is in his heart.
982. Only the one who is not hungry. Will say the coconut has a hard shell.
983. Snake at your feet. Stick in your hand.
984. Regret like a tail. Comes at the end.
985. One is born. One dies but the land continues to flourish forever.
986. Saying that it is for her child, she gets herself a loaf of bread.
987. Termites live beneath the ground.
988. A coward will sweat. Even if he's underwater.
989. The mouse is silent while laboring. But when the baby is born, she cries.
990. It is foolish for one to be thirsty while he is around water.
991. If you see that the town respects a calf. Then cut some grass and feed it.
992. Move your neck in accordance to the music.

993. Life has no meaning. For one without a home.

994. No one can know what the new day brings.

995. One who tries to hide A dog, Child, goat, or person with the flu will not stay hidden long.



996. The point of a needle must always pass first.

997. That which has been blown away. Will not be found again.

998. When one walks carefully, thorns only prick lightly.
999. One usually does not take a small piece for oneself.
1000. Fooling the chicken landed her in the basket.
1001. A home cannot be built for the rainy season that has passed.
1002. Some think of water only when the well is empty.
1003. The dog I bought bit me. The fire I kindled burned me.
1004. You are like dew even before it rains.
1005. One may have two legs but that does not mean one can climb two trees at the same time.
1006. Only a fool thinks he is being praised while he is being insulted.
1007. The same river never runs into the same river.
1008. They took me from my own cry.

**Now, friends, let's go up north to Morocco, and hear they're proverbs.**

1009. Reading good books. Removes bad sorrows from the heart.
1010. If a man leaves little children behind him. It is if He will not die.
1011. Walk and you will be strong. Sit and you will stink.
1012. Instruction. In youth is like engraving in stone. OK.
1012. Every beauty has got a defect.

1013. If you don't understand it with a wink. You will certainly will with the bow.

1014. Among walnuts, only the empty ones speak.

1015. No lamb has ever been born with his wool on.



1016. Endurance praises marble.

1017. By all means, go ahead, make friends with the dog. But do not forget. To lay aside a stick.



1018. It is better to be an object of jealousy. Then a pity.

1019. A stone from the hand of a friend. Is an apple.



1020. One who is not moved by words is not moved by the stick.

1021. Kill two birds with one stone.

1022. A good name is more valuable. Than a velvet garment.

1023. It is worse to be wounded by words than with a sword.

1024. He is accused of warmth, while he is dying out of cold.

It's time.

1025. If you are a pig, endure the knocking. If you are a mallet strike.

1026. No one knows my intentions except my daughter.

1027. Do not correct with a strike that which can be. Taught with the kiss.

1028. If the judge is against you, withdraw the complaint.

1029. A wise man without a book is like a Workman without no tools.

1030. A known mistake is better than an unknown truth.

1031. He who wants honey should bear bee stings.

1032. Never pour your water. Until you get Water and taste.

1033. A shut mouth is not accessible to flies.

1034. He is motherless. He is as if dead.

1035. The hen washed his legs and forgot his dirty past.

1036. The Falcon does not struggle When he is caught.

1037. The wall has fallen on its shadow.

1038. A childless woman It's like a tent without pillars.

1039. Do not respond to a barking dog.

1040. If a rich man steals It, is a mistake. If a poor man makes a mistake he has stolen.

1041. In every false step there is something good.

1042. The pumpkin gives birth, and the fence. Has the trouble.

1043. A wise woman has much to say and yet remains silent.

1044. It is thanks to the holiness of the book that it's Cover is kissed.

1045. The polite tongue can suck the lioness breast.

1046. Believe what you see and lay aside what you hear.

1047. Whoever does not respect you, insult you.

1048. Nobody has ever lived the way He wished.

1049. Exert effort, you shall be rewarded.

1050. He who gives fair words, feeds you with an empty spoon.

1051. Compete. Do not envy.

1052. Either do as your neighbors do or move away.

1053. When my child and I have eaten then clear the table.

1054. If a man falls, they all tread on him.

1055. An old cat will not learn how to dance.



1056. He who flatters with laughter wants to see you cry.

1057. Manage with bread and salt and butter until God brings something to eat with it.

1058. A fly will not get into a closed mouth.

1059. One is carrying it, the other is suffering from its heaviness.

1060. Don't shoot until you get near. And befriend someone till you try him.

1061. If there were no cold Friday evenings and boring Saturdays, no one would get married anymore.

1062. You can't catch two frogs with one hand.

1063. He who chooses to be grain, The hen will eat him.

1064. No land without stones, no meat without bones.

1065. He who bites you and you don't bite him in return, you are toothless.

1066. Every beetle is a gazelle in the eyes of its mother.

1067. Meat and mass, never hindered Man.

1068. The woman is only but a woman. She is neither a sun nor a moon.

**Now, friends, let's go to South Africa for South African proverbs.**

**1069.** A chattering bird builds no nest.

1070. A fool Is a wise man's ladder.

1071. A termite grows up in dry wood and yet comes to maturity.

1072. Abundance does not spread, Famine does.

1073. Almost is not Eaten.

1074. An elder does not break wind in public, but in a latrine.

1075. As great birds die The young eggs rot.



1076. An Iguana Puffs itself out to make itself a man.
1077. By pounding the dough, the bread will rise.
1078. Even the maid has a family.
1079. He who has no intelligence is happy with it.
1080. If you are looking for a fly in your food, that means you are full.
1081. If your buttock burns, you know you have done wrong.
1082. It is hunger that killed the man with many wives.
1083. It is a snake that smells the rat.
1084. Knowledge is like a lion. It cannot be gently. Embraced.
1085. No man can perfectly empty a pot with a ladle.
1086. No one drinks medicine on behalf of a sick person.
1087. No stake ever grew old with its bark on.
1088. Old age does not announce itself.
1089. Roasted locusts eating at night. Bring dangerous dreams.
1090. The drums of war are the drums of hunger.
1091. The dope that takes possession of a lame ox is seldom recognized as a fool.
1092. The fool who owns an ox is seldom recognized as a fool.
1093. The foot pains in sympathy with the toe.

1094. The girl with stars in her eyes will shine like the moonlight.



1095. The greatest death is laughter.

1096. The hand that rocks the cradle rules the nation. And his destiny.

1097. The heart is like a goat that has to be tied up.

1098. The impatient person eats goat. The one who hesitates eats beef.

1099. Walls have ears. And little pots too.

1100. What the poor man says is not listened to.

1101. When the elephant is slain all the tribes eat it together.

1102. When two elephants meet on a narrow bridge, they get nowhere until one of them backs down or lays down.

1103. When you climb the mountain and reach the top, do not forget the branches and shrubs that helped your footing.

1104. When you have a lot to do, start with a meal.

1105. When you have touched a woman, you have struck a rock.

**And now let's look at some Tanzanian proverbs from Tanzania.**

1106. The multitude is stronger than the king.

1107. The bald woman boast of her sister's hair.



1108. Do your duties, then drill into the earth.

1109. The old lady gets dragged along by the river and calls it a fruitful year.

1110. A bad year runs away, but bad advice doesn't.

1111. When the cow falls, many knives appear.

1112. I am offering dates. To his mouth. He points a stick to my eye.

1113. If someone hits you with a stone. Hit him with bread.

1114. A bull went to impregnate a cow. He came back a fetus.

1115. It's the full moon loves you. Why worry about the stars.

1116. If the tail of a dog can save me, I don't care about its stench.

1117. 100 Alcoholics are better than one gambler.

1118. How lovely is the sun after the rain? How lovely is laughter after sorrow.

1119. While we are at our father's house. Folks are asking us to leave.

1120. After I saw what my mother did. I will never trust a widow.

1121. Hit him with a bean, He will break.

1122. If your friend is honey, don't lick him thoroughly.

1123. Home sweet home. You are keeping secret my misery.

1124. He hit me and cried and then told on me before I could tell on him.

1125. He who is covered with other people's clothes is naked.



1126. The only difference between a cucumber and water. Is the moving of the teeth.



1127. You invite him to your place. And he reveals to all your privacy.

1128. They have hosted him. For charity. He became a calamity.

1129. You're crazy. You will live.

1130. Who came back from the grave and told the story?

1131. If you are ugly, be winsome.

1132. I tell him it's a bull and he says let's milk it.

1133. There is no blindness like blindness of the heart.

1134. One touch by a handcrafted master is better than 10 by an apprentice.

1135. If there is any profit in partnership. 2 will share a woman.

1136. Perseverance digs holes in the marble stones.

1137. He is farting, but his stomach is empty.

1138. The bystander is a knight.

1139. If my belly is of glass, I will fill it with bread and chicken.  
If it is a closed cellar, I will fill it with cockroaches.

1140. No one will say my father is innocent. Everyone will say he is a man of advice and wisdom. Because he has so many trades, he is unemployed.

1141. He will spend the night with the chicken with cackle in the morning.

1142. A house with a man is better than a house with money.

1143. The anger of a woman is mighty and the devil's trickery Weak.

1144. Get your knowledge from the minds of turtles.

1145. He who wants to be famous will have many a sleepless night.

1146. You feed him for a whole year. He does not offer you a single dinner.

1147. They asked the female cat why her kittens were of different colors. She said she is embarrassed to say no.

1148. Just because the kittens were born in an oven, Doesn't make them Biscuits.

**Now let's look at some proverbs from Uganda.**

1149. Caution is not Cowardice. Even the ants march around armed.

1150. Only take away the wife of a strong man when he is out.

1151. Only a fool tries to jump in the fire.

1152. If he had thrown the only spear he had at you, it means that he doesn't fear you.

1153. He who tells no lies will not grow up.

1154. You will be able to judge a woman by the taste of her soup.

1155. Death is a scar that never heals.

1156. It is better to marry an old lady than to remain unmarried.



1157. The master is away. The frogs hop in.

1158. An elephant. Can never fail to carry its tusk.

1159. A strawberry blossom will not moisten dry bread.

1160. The tongue of Co wives is bitter.

1161. In the entire world, things are two and two.

1162. The best part of happiness lies in the secret heart of a lover.

1163. Where flies are eaten, eat them.

1164. The Peacemaker dies while the fighters survive.

1165. She who keeps losing children doesn't invent names anymore.

1166. With wealth, one wins a woman.

1167. You can burn down a house, but you can't hide the smoke.

1168. A sheep does not lament the death of a goat's kid.

1169. When thrown into the sea, the stones say it. After all, this is also a home.

1170. Empty hands only please their owner.

1171. An ugly girl does not become old at home.

1172. Polygamy makes a husband a double-tongued man.

1173. It is better the trials come to you in the beginning. And you find peace afterwards. Then they come to you at the end.

1174. Men will love each other as long as one is richer than the other.

1175. The path to your heart's desire is never overgrown.

1176. If a woman sees a stick for beating her rival, she will throw it away in the woods.

1177. He who loves you loves you with your dirt.

1178. Old men sit in the shade because they planted a tree many years before.



1179. A dog with a bone in his mouth cannot bite you.



1180. What is inside a package is known only to its owner.

1181. An Infertile Woman gets a lot of visitors.

1182. My mother is indeed the best baby carrier, says the baby.

1183. Women have no chiefs.

1184. Sickness accompanies a whining moon. A new moon cures disease.

1185. In the home of the coward they laugh, while in the home of the brave they cry.

1186. The fortunate eagle kills a mouse that has eaten salt.

1187. Familiarity Is like the sea that kills the fisherman.
1188. To heal the lovers aching heart, give him a virgin to wed.
1189. The husband is always the last to know.
1190. The bird that pecks at a rock. Trust in the strength of its beak.
1191. One who keeps saying I will listen and obey. Will be cooked with the corn cob.
1192. Even the mightiest eagle comes down to the treetops to rest.
1193. He who has been bitten by a snake fears a lizard.
1194. Ask for help from a friend after having used all your strength.
1195. If you decide to eat a dog, eat a fat one.
1196. The man with one wife is the boss of all bachelors.
1197. One who sees something good must nurture it.

**Now let's check out some Proverbs from Zimbabwe.**

1198. He will only be grateful to flowers only if they have borne fruits.
1199. Every elephant must carry its own trunk.
1200. Proverbs can be applied to get what you want.
1201. That is good. But never dance with a lion.
1202. A coward has no Scars.
1203. Those who eat alone die alone.

1204. Gifts is the key to the female heart.

1205. Two rats cannot share the same hole.

1206. A bull is not known in two herds.

1207. The ripened fruit does not cling to the vine.

1208. Passion is of greater consequence than facts.

1209. Don't throw out the old pot until you have the tinker make a new one.

1210. Two experts never agree.

1211. The monkey does not see his own hind backside. He sees his neighbors.



1212. Between true friends, even water drunk together is sweet enough.

1213. Strength is like milk. It is inexhaustible.

1214. An elephants Tusk are never too heavy for it to carry.

1215. Whoever plows with a team of donkeys must have patience.

1216. People who Do not mend things first will never produce something.

1217. Annoy your doctor in sickness comes and laughing.

1218. A woman is attractive when she is somebody else's wife.

1219. A man is more desirable. When he is somebody else's husband.

1220. A whining baby that does not cry aloud, will die on its mother's back.

1221. You are the game while the game lasts.

1222. One neighbor's problems, does not induce one to lose their appetite over them.

1223. If you get leprosy, look to your own past misdeeds.



1224. Until the lion tells his side of the story, the tale of the hunt will always glorify the hunter.



1225. If you can. Envision it. You can accomplish it. If you can't imagine it, you can reach the heavens.

1226. A grilled locust is better than no soup.

1227. If words fail, no others will avail.

1228. Blood is the sweat of heroes.

1229. In the world of books, the mindset of the reader. Is of great importance.

1230. Every woman is beautiful till she speaks.

1231. You must die for your own sacred conviction.

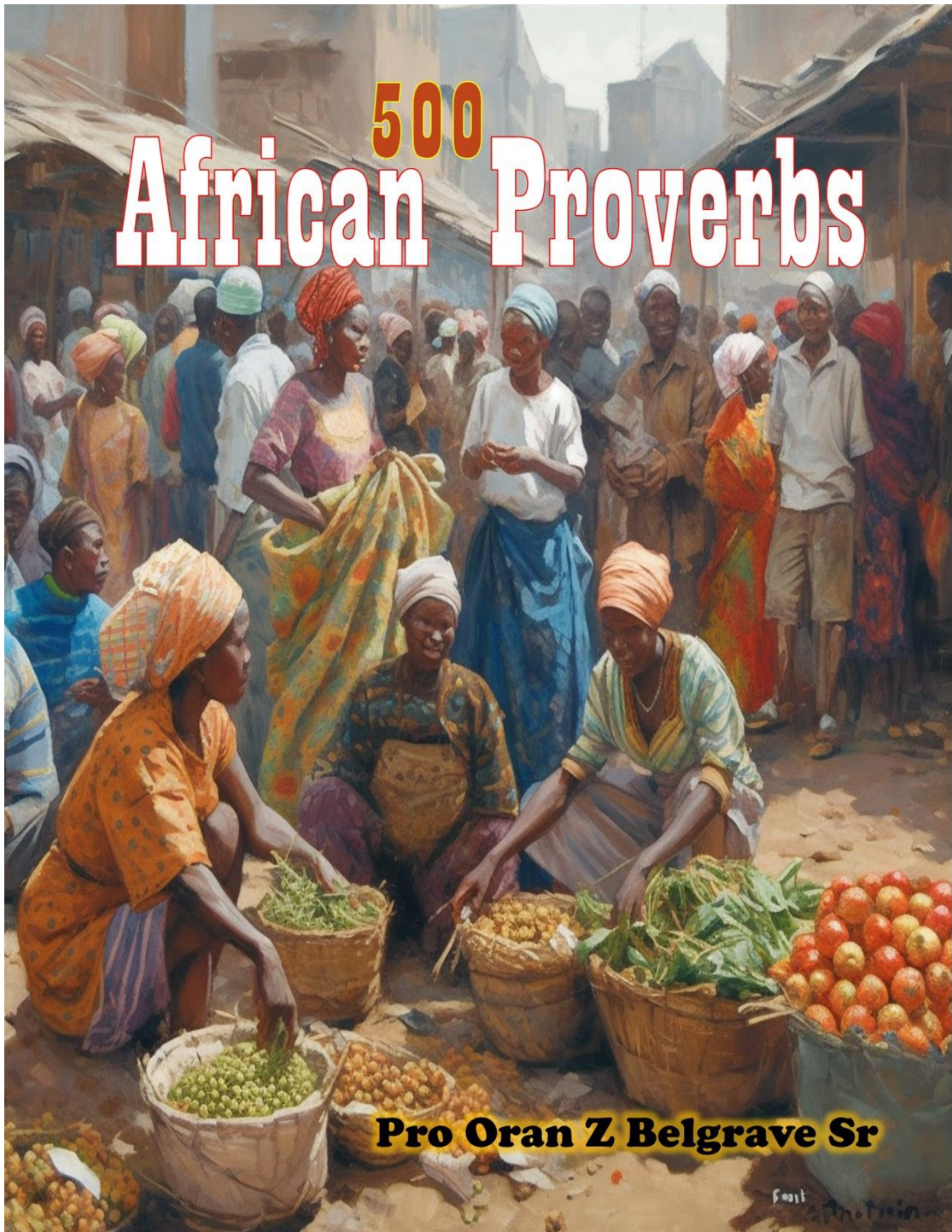
1232. If your mouth was a knife, it would cut off your lips.



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