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## Popular proverbs and wisdoms database

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**An accidental meeting may be better than a fixed date**

**All must be as god wills**

**All truth is not always to be told**

**As well be hanged for a sheep as a lamb**

**As you are so will your governors be**

**An ass must be tied where the master will have him**

**Be always in time too late is a crime**

**Be content with your lot one cannot be first in everything**

**Be ever vigilant but never suspicious**

**Be just before you are generous**

**Be slow to promise but quick to perform**

**Beggars must not be choosers**

**Better be a fool than a knave**

**Better be an old man's darling than a young man's slave**

**Better be envied than pitied**

**Better be sure than sorry**

**Better be the head of a dog than the tail of a lion**

**Better face a danger once than be always in**

**Better starve free than to be a fat slave**

**Better to know things than to be ignorant**

**Blessed is he who expects nothing for he shall never be disappointed**

**Books and friends should be few but good**

**A broken friendship may be soldered but will never be sound**

**The bull must be taken by the horns**

**A door must be either shut or open**

**Defer not till tomorrow what may be done today**

**Do all you can to be good and you will be so**

**Do as you would be done by**

**Dress a stick and it does not appear to be a stick**

**Every difficulty slurred over will be a ghost to disturb your repose later on**

**Every oak must be an acorn**

**Everyone is held to be innocent until he is proved guilty**

**Evil be to him who evil thinks**

**A fault confessed should be forgiven**

**The fish will soon be caught that nibbles at every bait**

**A friend that you buy will be bought from you**

**God our parents and our masters can never be requited**

**A good lawyer must be a great liar**

**He cannot be virtuous that is not rigorous**

**He is idle that might be better employed**

**He that goes for marriage will either deceive or be deceived**

**He that is ill to himself will be good to nobody**

**He that is not handsome at twenty nor strong at thirty nor rich at forty nor wise at fifty will never be handsome strong rich or wise**

**He that toucheth pitch shall be defiled**

**He that would be obeyed must wisely command**

**He who mocks shall be mocked**

**Home is home be it ever so homely**

**If all days were feasts to feast would be tedious**

**If every man mends one all shall be mended**

**If fools went not to market bad wares would not be sold**

**If money be not thy servant it will be thy master**

**If the counsel be good no matter who gave it**

**If the staff be crooked the shadow cannot be straight**

**If you steal for others you will be hanged yourself**

**If you wish to be obeyed do not ask the impossible**

**Injuries may be forgiven but not forgotten**

**Injury is to be measured by malice**

**It is best to be on the safe side**

**It is better to be safe than sorry**

**It is easy to be wise after the event**

**It is the height of merit in a man that his faults can be numbered**

**It will be all the same a hundred years hence**

**Judge not that ye be not judged**

**Keep aloof from quarrels be neither a witness nor a party to them**

**Keep good company and you shall be one of the number**

**The kite will never be a good hawk**

**Law makers should not be law breakers**

**Leave not till tomorrow what can be done today**

**Let bygone be bygone**

**Let them that be cold blow at the coal**

**A lion may come to be beholden to a mouse**

**Love cannot be compelled**

**Many would be cowards if they had courage enough**

**Men are not to be measured in inches**

**Neither a borrower nor a lender be**

**Never put off till tomorrow what may be done today**

**No man loveth his fetters be they made of gold**

**No man ought to be judge in his own cause**

**Nothing is to be got without pains**

**An occasion lost cannot be redeemed**

**Old love will not be forgotten**

**One cannot be in two places at once**

**One cannot love and be wise**

**Promises are like pie-crust made to be broken**

**The remedy may be worse than the disease**

**Say well or be still**

**There is a time to speak and a time to be silent**

**There will be sleeping enough in the grave**

**What can't be cured must be endured**

**What is not right must be wrong**

**What may be done at any time is done at no time**

**What must be must be**

**What's done cannot be undone**

**When ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise**

**You are not the first to be fooled by mirage**

**As good be an addled egg as an idle bird**

**An ape is an ape a varlet is a varlet though they be clad in silk or scarlet**

**Be what you would seem to be**

**Beggars can not be choosers**

**Better be out of the world than out of the fashion**

**Better be safe than sorry**

**It is better to be born lucky than rich**

**Little birds that can sing and won't sing must be made to sing**

**If you're born to be hanged then you'll never be drowned**

**Boys will be boys**

**Caesar's wife must be above suspicion**

**If candlemas day be sunny and bright winter will have another flight if candlemas day be cloudy with rain winter is gone and won't come again**

**Where the carcass is there shall the eagles be gathered together**

**Be careful what you pray for you might get it**

**Ne'er cast a clout till may be out**

**Children should be seen and not heard**

**Confess and be hanged confession is good for the soul**

**Corporations have neither bodies to be punished nor souls to be damned**

**What can not be cured must be endured**

**Be the day weary or be the day long at last it ringeth to evensong**

**The devil was sick the devil a saint would be the devil was well the devil a saint**

**A door must either be shut or open**

**Eat drink and be merry for tomorrow we die**

**What everybody says must be true**

**February fill dyke be it black or be it white**

**If in february there be no rain 'tis neither good for hay nor grain**

**Gold may be bought too dear**

**If you can not be good be careful**

**A good horse cannot be of a bad colour**

**One might as well be hanged for a sheep as a lamb**

**If you would be happy for a week take a wife if you would be happy for a month kill a pig but if you would be happy all your life plant a garden**

**If ifs and ands were pots and pans there'd be no work for tinkers' hands**

**Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise**

**No one should be judge in his own cause**

**Be just before you're generous**

**If you have to live in the river it is best to be friends with the crocodile**

**Love and a cough cannot be hid**

**What is new cannot be true**

**Nothing should be done in haste but gripping a flea**

**It is best to be off with the old love before you are on with the new**

**Promises like pie-crust are made to be broken**

**If there were no receivers there would be no thieves**

**Revenge is a dish that can be eaten cold**

**If you can not ride two horses at once you shouldn't be in the circus**

**Who won't be ruled by the rudder must be ruled by the rock**

**Rules are made to be broken**

**If saint paul's day be fair and clear it will betide a happy year**

**Saint swithun's day if thou be fair for forty days it will remain saint swithun's day if thou bring rain for forty days it will remain**

**If you would be well served serve yourself**

**If it sounds too good to be true it probably is**

**Sussex won't be druv**

**If every man would sweep his own doorstep the city would soon be clean**

**Three things are not to be trusted a cow's horn a dog's tooth and a horse's hoof**

**He that touches pitch shall be defiled**

**A woman a dog and a walnut tree the more you beat them the better they be**

**Young folks think old folks to be fools but old folks know young folks to be fools**

**Youth must be served**

**Things past cannot be recalled**