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You

As you are so will your governors be
As you make your bed so you must lie in it
As you sow so shall you reap
Be just before you are generous
Before you make a friend eat a bushel of salt with him
Believe not all that you see nor half what you hear
Better the devil you know than the devil you don't know
Between two stools you fall to the ground
Beware of evil that may come from one whom you helped
Call the bear "uncle" till you are safe across the bridge
Cast no dirt in the well that gives you water
Catch your bear before you sell its skin
Cherish what you have and struggle for better
Do all you can to be good and you will be so
Do as most men do then most men will speak well of you
Do as you would be done by
Do not all you can spend not all you have believe not all you hear and tell not all you know
Don't cross a bridge till you come to it
Don't cut the bough you are standing on
Do not halloo till you are out of the wood
Don't make yourself a mouse or the cat will eat you
Don't pour out the dirty water before you have clean

Do not praise the beginning until you see the end

Do your duty then claim you right

Dogs wag their tails no so much in love to you as to your bread

Flee from honour honour will follow you

A friend that you buy will be bought from you

Give a lie twenty-four hours' start and you can never overtake it

Give neither counsel nor salt till you are asked for it

Go down the ladder when you marry a wife go up when you choose a friend

God never expects you to do more than you can

The good you do is not lost though ill-placed

He that will cheat at play will cheat you anyway

He who gives fair words feeds you with an empty spoon

Heads i win tails you lose

I am proud and you are proud and who shall bear the ashes round

I taught you to swim and now you'd drown me

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

If you can't help don't hinder

If you cannot bite never show your teeth

If you cannot get what you desire desire what you find

If you deal with a fox think of his tricks

If you do not like it you may lump it

If you don't know ask

If you pay not a servant his wages he will pay himself

If you run after two hares you will catch neither

If you sing before breakfast you will cry before night

If you steal for others you will be hanged yourself

If you want a thing well done do it yourself

If you want peace prepare for war

If you wish good advice consult an old man

If you wish to be obeyed do not ask the impossible

Keep a thing seven years and you will find a use for it

Keep good company and you shall be one of the number

Keep not ill men company lest you increase the number

Laugh and the world laughs with you weep and you weep alone

Look before you leap

Make yourself all honey and the flies will devour you

Measure thrice before you cut once

The more you have the more you want

The more you study the more you learn

Never ask pardon before you are accused

Never make threats you cannot carry out

Never spend your money before you have it

Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you

Never trust a friend who deserts you at a pinch

Nought shall you have of him who has nought

Practice what you preach

Put off the evil hour as long as you can

Seek till you find and you'll not lose your labour

Speak fair and think what you like

Take things as you find them

Talk of the angel and you will hear his wings

A thing you don't want is dear at any price

Think before you speak and look before you leap

Think not on what you lack as much as on what you have

Try your friend before you trust him

Unless you see it do not believe it

The way to babylon will never bring you to jerusalem

What can you expect from a hog but a grunt

Who chatters to you will chatter of you

Would you know the value of money go and

You are not the first to be fooled by mirage

You can lead a horse to the water but you cannot make him drink

You cannot burn the candle at both ends

You cannot catch old birds with chaff

You cannot get blood out of a stone

You cannot have it both ways

You cannot judge a book by its cover

You cannot make a crab walk straight

You cannot make an omelet without breaking eggs

You cannot put old heads on young shoulders

You cannot run with the hare and hunt with the hounds

You cannot sell the cow and drink the milk

You cannot teach an old dog new tricks

You cannot touch pitch and keep your hands clean

You may know by a handful the whole sack

You may lead a horse to the water but you cannot make him drink

You must ask your neighbour if you shall live in peace

You must cut your coat according to your cloth

You must grin and bear it

You must scratch my back and i'll scratch yours

You must take the fat with the lean

You must take the will for the deed

You never know what you can till you try

You never miss the water until the water runs dry

Your looking-glass will tell you what none of your friends will

Ask a silly question and you get a silly answer

Be what you would seem to be

If you can not beat them join them

Believe nothing of what you hear and only half of what you see

Better the devil you know than the devil you do not know

Never bid the devil good morrow until you meet him

You cannot get blood from a stone

You can not tell a book by its cover

You can take the boy out of the country but you can not take the country out of the boy

As you brew so shall you bake

You cannot make bricks without straw

You buy land you buy stones you buy meat you buy bones

Be careful what you pray for you might get it

Do not cross the bridge till you come to it

You can only die once

Do unto others as you would they should do unto you

Dogs look up to you cats look down on you pigs is equal

Dream of a funeral and you hear of a marriage

You can drive out nature with a pitchfork but she keeps on coming back

You are what you eat

What can you expect from a pig but a grunt

Fool me once shame on you fool me twice shame on me

You cannot serve god and mammon

If you can not be good be careful

What you've never had you never miss

When all you have is a hammer everything looks like a nail

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

What you have hold

You cannot have your cake and eat it

If you do not like the heat get out of the kitchen

When you are in a hole stop digging

You can take a horse to the water but you can not make him drink

Keep your shop and your shop will keep you

You should know a man seven years before you stir his fire

What you do not know can not hurt you

You never know what you can do till you try

When the last tree is cut down the last fish eaten and the last stream poisoned you will realize that you cannot eat money

If you are not the lead dog the view never changes

If you lie down with dogs you will get up with fleas

If life hands you lemons make lemonade

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

If you want to live and thrive let the spider run alive

What you lose on the swings you gain on the roundabouts

You cannot lose what you never had

As you make your bed so you must lie upon it

You never miss the water till the well runs dry

If you do not make mistakes you do not make anything

The more you get the more you want

If you gently touch a nettle it'll sting you for your pains grasp it like a lad of mettle an' as soft as silk remains

You can not put new wine in old bottles

When the oak is before the ash then you will only get a splash when the ash is before the oak then you may expect a soak

Beware of an oak it draws the stroke avoid an ash it counts the flash creep under the thorn it can save you from harm

Obey orders if you break owners

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

You cannot put an old head on young shoulders

You cannot make an omelette without breaking eggs

If you pay peanuts you get monkeys

You pays your money and you takes your choice

If you want peace you must prepare for war

If you play with fire you get burnt

You can not please everyone

Practise what you preach

Praise the child and you make love to the mother

Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today

You cannot get a quart into a pint pot

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

Help you to salt help you to sorrow

You scratch my back i will scratch yours

Scratch a russian and you find a tartar

What you see is what you get

Do not sell the skin till you have caught the bear

If you would be well served serve yourself

You cannot shift an old tree without it dying

You can not make a silk purse out of a sow's ear

If you sit by the river for long enough you will see the body of your enemy float by

You do not get something for nothing

As you sow so you reap

Speak as you find

Speak not of my debts unless you mean to pay them

If you do not speculate you can not accumulate

What you spend you have

It is not spring until you can plant your foot upon twelve daisies

The more you stir it the worse it stinks

If at first you do not succeed try try try again

Sweep the house with broom in may you sweep the head of the house away

With a sweet tongue and kindness you can drag an elephant by a hair

You can not teach an old dog new tricks

Do not throw out your dirty water until you get in fresh

Today you tomorrow me

You can have too much of good thing

If you can walk you can dance if you can talk you can sing

Walnuts and pears you plant for your heirs

If you want a thing done well do it yourself

If you want something done ask a busy person

Do not go near the water until you learn how to swim

It's not what you know it's who you know

You win a few you lose a few

You can not win them all

Do not call a wolf to help you against the dogs

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

If you won't work you shan't eat