

African Proverbs

1. Supposing doesn't fill the grain basket, 'if' doesn't fill the larder. ~ Ovambo Proverb
2. There are no shortcuts to the top of the palm tree. ~ Cameroonian Proverb
3. All monkeys cannot hang on the same branch. ~ Kenyan Proverb
4. Those who are absent are always wrong. ~ Congolese Proverb
5. Do not allow the belly to make you useless. ~ Maasai Proverb
6. Little by little grow the bananas. ~ Congolese Proverb
7. If you overtake a leader, you break your neck. ~ Ugandan Proverb
8. The big game often appears when the hunter has given up the hunt for the day. ~ Igbo Proverb
9. A clever king is the brother of peace. ~ South African Proverb
10. Do not call to a dog with a whip in your hand. ~ Sudanese Proverb
11. The blame of the antelope is on the hunter. ~ Kenyan Proverb
12. Haste and hurry can only bear children with many regrets along the way. ~ Senegalese Proverb
13. A fully grown up tree cannot be bent into a walking stick. ~ Kenyan Proverb
14. No matter how full the river, it still wants to grow. ~ Congolese Proverb
15. Birds of all kinds will end up landing. ~ Egyptian Proverb
16. If love is a sickness, patience is the remedy. ~ Cameroonian Proverb
17. Other people's wisdom prevents the king from being called a fool. ~ Nigerian Proverb
18. Knowledge without wisdom is like water in the sand. ~ Guinean Proverb

19. Ingratitude is sooner or later fatal to its author. ~ Twi Proverb
20. The laughter of a child lights up the house. ~ Swahili proverb
21. Even an ant can hurt an elephant. ~ South African Proverb
22. Examine what is said, not him who speaks. ~ Egyptian Proverb
23. One camel does not make fun of the other camel's hump. ~ Ghanaian Proverb
24. If you educate a man you educate one individual, but if you educate a woman you educate a family. ~ Fanti Proverb
25. The sun never sets without fresh news. ~ Xhosa Proverb
26. The good mother knows what her children will eat. ~ Akan Proverb
27. When the mother goat breaks into the yam store her kid watches her. ~ Igbo Proverb
28. Even as the archer loves the arrow that flies, so too he loves the bow that remains constant in his hands. ~ Nigerian Proverb
29. Rising early makes the road short. ~ African Proverb
30. He is like a drum which makes a lot of noise but is hollow inside. ~ Sudanese Proverb
31. Time destroys all things. ~ Nigerian Proverb
32. A brave man dies once, a coward a thousand times. ~ Somali Proverb
33. He who does not seize opportunity today, will be unable to seize tomorrow's opportunity. ~ Somali Proverb
34. The chameleon changes color to match the earth, the earth doesn't change colors to match the chameleon. ~ Senegalese Proverb
35. We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors we borrow it from our children. ~ Haida Proverb