

Benjamin Franklin's Proverbs

"Well done is better than well said."

It is better to act than simply discuss. Saying you're going to do something and actually doing it are two different things.

"Energy and persistence conquer all things."

If you work hard and don't give up, you can accomplish anything.

"Drive the business, let not drive thee."

Don't let work overwhelm you; instead, plan your projects carefully and stay in control of what you're doing.

"Kill no more pigeons than you can eat."

Only use as much as you need. It's important to conserve.

"Early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise."

If you go to bed at a decent hour and get up early, you'll feel good, be profitable and think clearly.

"There is no little enemy."

Take every opponent seriously. It's dangerous to underestimate other people.

"When the well is dry, they know the worth of water."

You really learn how much something is worth when you don't have enough of it.

"A penny saved is a penny earned."

Saving money is as good as making money.

"God helps those who help themselves."

If you want God's help, first you need to try to solve your problems yourself.

"A lie stands on one leg, the truth on two."

Lies are shaky, but the truth is solid.

"The sleeping fox catches no poultry."

Laziness never accomplishes anything.

"Necessity never made a good bargain."

If you really need something, you probably won't be able to get a good deal for it. The more desperate you are, the higher the price will be.

"Never spare the parson's wine, nor the baker's pudding."

You can never have too much of a good thing.

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