

A World of Wisdom in Turkish Proverbs

"Two captains will sink the ship!"

"Listen a hundred times; ponder a thousand times; speak only once."

"A wise man remembers his friends at all times; a fool, only when he needs them."

"Patience is bitter, but it bears sweet fruit."

"A lion sleeps in the heart of every brave man."

"A kind word warms a man through three winters."

"Study from new books but with old teachers."

"Beauty passes; wisdom remains."

"A cup of coffee commits one to forty years of friendship."

"A good companion shortens the longest road."

"Thorns and roses grow on the same tree."

"He that conceals his grief finds no remedy for it."

"A knife wound heals, but a tongue wound festers."

"A thousand friends are too few, but one enemy is too many."

"God finds a low branch for the bird that cannot fly."

"No matter how far you have gone on the wrong road, turn back."

"Patience is the key to paradise."

"The sage speaks of what he sees; the fool of what he hears."

"The fool dreams of wealth; the wise man dreams of happiness."

"Whoever gossips to you will gossip about you!"

"The green twig is easily bent."

"An ember burns wherever it falls."

"It is not a shame to not know; it is a shame to not ask."

"Two heads are better than one."

"The sheep that gets separated from the flock gets eaten by the wolf."

"The fly is small but is big enough to make one sick."

"Do not search for a calf under an ox!"

"Whatever you harvest is what you have sown."

"Whatever a man is at seven, he is also at seventy."

"The dog that barks much does not bite."

"Justice is a friend of the upright."

"Intelligence is not bought or sold with money."

"He who chastises not his children is himself at last chastised."

"Do not be the partner of one more powerful than you are."

"Anger comes in the same proportion as sense departs."

"He whom a heart loves is the handsome one."

"The shoemaker's child goes without shoes; the baker's child goes hungry; and the plumber's house always leaks."

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