**Wisdom**

**Let the wise also hear and gain in learning,**

**and the discerning acquire skill,**

**to understand a proverb and as figure.**

***(Proverbs 1:5-6)***

**He who gathers crops in summer is a wise son,**

**but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.**

***(Proverbs 10:5)***

**The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth,**

**and addeth learning to his lips.**

***(Proverbs 16:23)***

**Ye are wise in Christ.**

***(1 Corinthians 4:10)***

**Finally, my brethren,**

**whatever is true, whatever is honest,**

**whatever is just, whatever is pure,**

**whatever is lovely,**

**whatever is of good report;**

**if there is any virtue and if there is any praise,**

**think about these things.  *(Philippians 4:8)***

**If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God,**

**who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly,**

**and it will be given you.**

***(James 1:5)***

**But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable,**

**gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits.**

***(James 3:17)***

**Every soul has free access to the source of wisdom within. As we approach the divine source of wisdom and begin to realize our oneness with it, we find that we are evolving a higher intelligence than that of the intellect and that we are learning the greatest of all sciences, the science of mind. We find that the primal principles of Being are pure ideas and that these ideas express themselves in pure words and thoughts. Divine wisdom, divine judgment, has in it the essence of goodness. When we really live in perfect relation to principle, we shall have the power to combine ideas rightly and so manifest wholeness and perfection in mind and body. *(Cora Fillmore)***

**White hair still remains the symbol of wisdom all over Africa. *(L. M. Boyd)***

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**Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you’d rather have been talking. *(Aristotle)***

**There is a foolish corner in the brain of the wisest man. *(Aristotle)***

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**Besides the noble art of getting things done, there is the noble art of leaving things undone. The wisdom of life consists in the elimination of non-essentials. *(Lin Yutang)***

**The wise individual doesn’t get too attached to any of life’s pleasures, knowing that wonderful science is hard at work proving it’s bad for him. *(Bill Vaughan, in Kansas City Star)***

**Authority without wisdom is like a heavy ax without an edge, fitter to bruise than to polish. *(Anne Bradstreet)***

**A prudent question is one-half of wisdom. *(Francis Bacon)***

**An adult may see human wisdom manifested in its highest form by watching a child’s boundless capacity for ignoring celebrities. *(O. A. Battista, in The Family Digest)***

**Be wiser than other people, if you can, but do not tell them. *(Lord Chesterfield)***

**The wise man must be wise before, not after. *(Epicharmus, Greek poet)***

**The beginning of wisdom is to call things by their rightful names. *(Chinese proverb)***

**Wise are those who learn that the bottom line doesn't always have to be their top priority. *(William Arthur Ward)***

**Neither praise nor blame moves the wise man. *(Buddha)***

**Working-Class Wisdom: Too bad that all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxi cabs and cutting hair. *(George Burns)***

**It’s ironic that with all the attention given to President Carter’s teeth, nobody ever checked to see if two of them were wisdom. *(The Comedy Center)***

**It was Cervantes who defined a proverb as a short sentence derived from long experience. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**A wise man changes his mind; a fool never will. *(Spanish proverb)***

**Wisdom ... comes not from age, but from education and learning. *(Anton Chekhov)***

**Wisdom too often never comes, and no one ought not to reject it merely because it comes late. *(Felix Frankfurter, Supreme Court Justice)***

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**My Favorite Saying: “An unusual amount of common sense is sometimes called wisdom.” *(Florence Reindl, in Reminisce magazine)***

**Common sense in an uncommon degree is what the world calls wisdom. *(Samuel Coleridge)***

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**A word to the wise ain’t uecessary – it’s the stupid ones that need the advice. *(Bill Cosby)***

**Wisdom consists of the anticipation of consequences. *(Dr. Norman Cousins, in Saturday Review)***

**It takes a clever man to turn cynic, and a wise man to be clever enough not to.**

***(Emil Nolde, artist)***

**A wise person will desire no more than he may get justly, use soberly, distribute cheerfully, and leave contently. *(Land Title Insurance Company calendar)***

**“There is a time to keep silence and a time to speak,” said Ecclesiastes. Wisdom lies in distinguishing one from the other. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**It is easier to be wise for others than for ourselves. *(La Rochefoucauld)***

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**There is a time when a man distinguishes the idea of felicity from the idea of wealth; it is the beginning of wisdom. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

**The wisest know nothing. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

**Life is a festival only to the wise. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

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**A wise man gets more use from his enemies than a fool from his friends. *((Baltasar Gracian, author)***

**The enemy of the conventional wisdom is not ideas but the march of events. *(John Kenneth Galbraith)***

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**If you ever doubt the wisdom of the Founding Fathers, consider that the motto on the first coin minted by the United States was “Mind Your Own Business.” *(L. M. Boyd)***

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**The terms “freshman” and “sophomore” were originally used to describe university students attending England’s Cambridge University. When Henry VIII endowed Cambridge in the 16th century, students were generically referred to as sophists, meaning “wise men.” A first year student was simply a freshman, a term applied to a novice in virtually any field at that time. Second year students were junior sophists, while those in their third year were senior sophists. (Cambridge was a three-year school at the time.) These names didn’t trickle down to the high school level until the 1900s. Second year students became sophomores, followed by juniors and then seniors. Frosh came to be used as a collective term for freshmen. *(Kelly Cadieux, in Tidbits)***

**It is unwise to be too sure of one’s own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err. *(Gandhi)***

**Keep me away from the wisdom which does not cry, the philosophy which does not laugh and the greatness which does not bow before children. *(Kahlil Gibran, in Mirrors of the Soul)***

**The wise man is astonished by anything. *(Andre Gide, French author and critic)***

**Grandpa: “Here are some words to live by, Nelson: God gives every bird its food, but he doesn’t drop it into its nest.” As Grandma brings his dinner to him, Grandpa continues: “But if He did drop it into its nest, it sure as heck wouldn’t turn its nose at it.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**The foolish person seeks happiness in the distance; the wise person grows it under his feet. *(James Oppenheim)***

**Wisdom is in the head, not in the beard. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**It is a wise child that knows his own father. *(Homer)***

**Wisdom consists not so much in knowing what to do in thvvve ultimate as in knowing what to do next. *(Herbert Hoover)***

**An old mountaineer from West Virginia was celebrated for his wisdom. “Uncle Zed,” a young man asked, “how did you get so wise?” “Weren’t hard,” said the old man. “I’ve got good judgment. Good judgment comes from experience. And experience – well, that comes from having bad judgment.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Everyone is a damn fool for at least five minutes every day. Wisdom consists in not exceeding the limit. *(Elbert Hubbard)***

**Clever people master life; the wise illuminate it and create fresh difficulties. *(Emil Nolde, artist)***

**God in me is infinite wisdom. He shows me what to do. *(Charles Fillmore)***

**Intelligence is when you spot the flaw in your boss’s reasoning. Wisdom is when you refrain from pointing it out. *(James Dent, in Charleston, W.V. Gazette)***

**The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook. *(William James)***

**What good is it to have the key to wisdom, if I can’t find the lock? *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Wisdom is knowing when you cannot be wise. *(Paul Engle, in Poems in Praise)***

**Wise men hear and see as little children do. *(Lao Tzu)***

**He who is learned is not wise; he who is wise is not learned. *(From the Tao Te Ching, the sacred book of Taoism)***

**It is simple to be wise. Just think of something stupid to say, and then don’t say it. *(Sam Levenson, author)***

**He who lives without folly is not as wise as he thinks. *(Francois de La Rochefoucauld)***

**Seeking a sage and wizened look, the creators of Star Wars modeled Yoda’s face after Albert Einstein. *(Harry Bright & Harlan Briscoe, in So, Now You Know, p. 107)***

**The wise man has long ears, big eyes and a short tongue. *(Russian proverb)***

**At a dinner party, one should eat wisely but not too well, and talk well but not too wisely. *(Somerset Maugham)***

**According to legend there were three wise men, even though the Bible says that wise men came from the East. Dr. Jack Holland says that in Persian these three names mean inspiration, intuition, and imagination. *(Rev. Andy Kress)***

**Never seem wiser, nor more learned than the people you are with. *(Lord Chesterfield)***

**Besides the noble art of getting things done, there is the noble art of leaving things undone. The wisdom of life consists in the elimination of non-essentials. *(Lin Yutang)***

**It is not our difficulties or our suffering alone that makes us wise. It is what we add to them -- patience, perseverance, compassion, courage, love. From this combination, our priceless pearls of wisdom grow. *(Barbara De Angelis, in How Did I Get Here?, p. 283)***

**The Greek initials “Phi Beta Kappa” stand for “Philosophia Biou Kybernetes,” meaning: The love of wisdom, The guide of life. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**A man should never be ashamed to admit he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday. *(Alexander Pope)***

**We don't receive wisdom; we must discover it for ourselves after a journey that no one can take for us or spare us. (*Marcel Proust)***

**The wise make proverbs and fools repeat them. *(Isaac D’Israeli, English author)***

**The wise man reads both books and life itself. *(Lin Yutang)***

**If you realize that you aren’t as wise today as you thought you were yesterday, you’re wiser today. *(Bulletin of Detroit Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church)***

**Fools live to regret their words, wise men to regret their silence. *(Will Henry, Chicago Tribune-New York News Syndicate)***

**It requires wisdom to understand wisdom; the music is nothing if the audience is deaf. *(Walter Lippmann, in A Preface to Morals)***

**Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you’d have preferred to talk. *(Doug Larson, United Feature Syndicate)***

**In Albert Schweitzer’s Gift of Friendship, author Erica Anderson told about a young boy who couldn’t wait for the lunch break to end so that he could go back to work. When Dr. Schweitzer noticed this, he said to the boy: “You have a big secret, whether you know it or not. The secret of enjoying your work. It is a great wisdom, my boy. Hang on to it.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Socrates believed a beard denoted wisdom. The notion lingered. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**All human wisdom is summed up in two words – wait and hope. *(Alexandre Dumas, The Elder)***

**A man should never be ashamed to admit he is in the wrong, which is but saying in other words that he is wiser today than yesterday. *(Jonathan Swift)***

**Very few men are wise by their own counsel or learned by their own teaching. For he that was only taught by himself had a fool for his master. *(Ben Jonson)***

**A man begins cutting his wisdom teeth the first time he bites off more than he can chew. *(Quoted by Herb Caen in San Francisco Chronicle)***

**It is characteristic of wisdom not to do desperate things. (*Henry David Thoreau)***

**The only things worth learning are the things you learn after you know it all. *(Harry S. Truman)***

**One should be careful to get out of an experience only the wisdom that is in it – and stop there; lest we be like the cat that sits down on the hot stove lid. She will never sit down on a hot stove lid again – and that’s well; but also she will never sit down on a cold one any more. *(Mark Twain)***

**We can learn much from wise words, little from wisecracks and less from wise guys. *(William Arthur Ward)***

**Wisdom is what’s left after we’ve run out of personal opinions. *(Cullen Hightower, aphorist)***

**To recognize that the soul of man is unknowable is the ultimate achievement of wisdom. The final mystery is oneself. *(Oscar Wilde)***

**The wiser mind mourns less for what age takes away than what it leaves behind. *(William Wordsworth)***

**Men become wise just as they become rich, more by what they save than by what they receive. *(Wilbur Wright, inventor)***

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