

# AFRICAN PROVERBS

- ***If you offend, ask for pardon; if offended, forgive.***
  - **Meaning:** If someone hurts your feelings, forgive them; if you hurt someone's feelings, apologize. Treat others as you would like to be treated.
- ***One falsehood spoils a thousand truths.***
  - **Meaning:** If you lie, even once, people will doubt everything you say.
- ***He who does not know one thing knows another.***
  - **Meaning:** No one knows everything, but everyone knows something.
- ***The heart of a wiseman lies quiet in reflection.***
  - **Meaning:** Think before you speak.
- ***A roaring lion kills no game.***
  - **Meaning:** You cannot gain anything by sitting around talking about it. You must get up and work for it.
- ***Knowledge is like a garden; if it is not cultivated, it cannot be harvested.***
  - **Meaning:** If you do not use the knowledge that you have, you cannot expect to gain anything from it.
- ***Do not look where you fell, but where you slipped.***
  - **Meaning:** Don't look at your mistakes; look at what caused you to make the mistakes.
- ***Only a fool tests the depth of water with both feet.***
  - **Meaning:** It is not wise to jump into a situation before thinking about it.