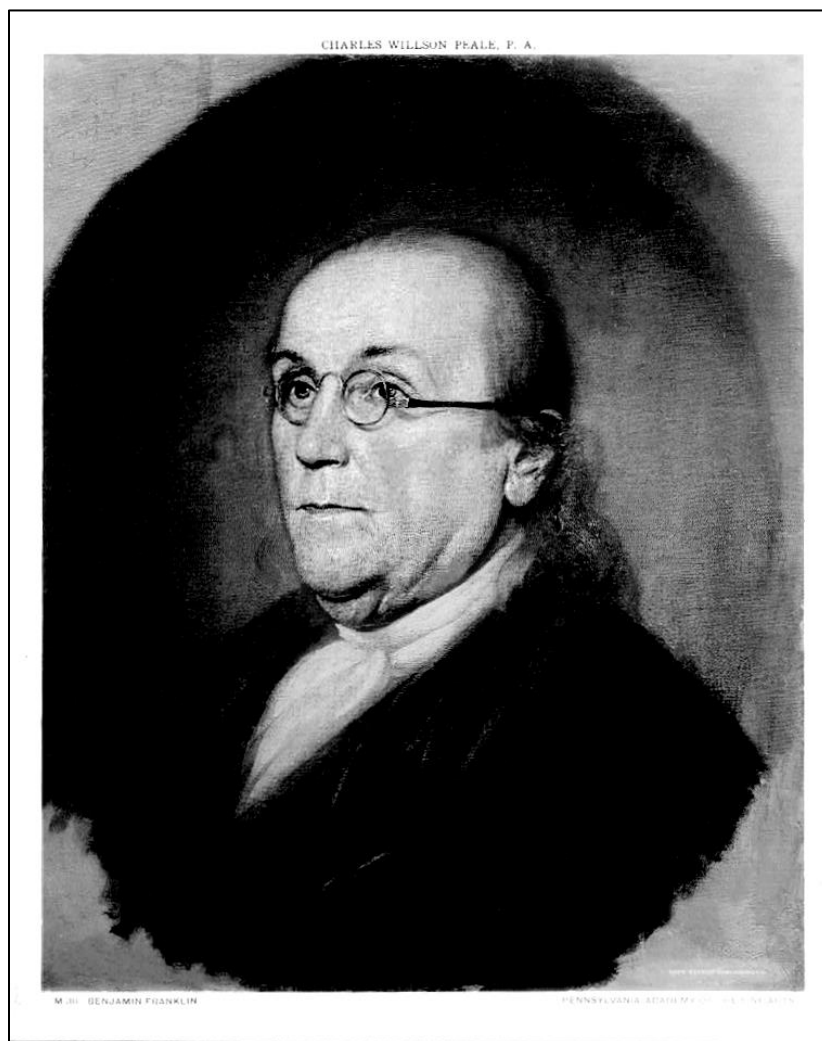


## POOR RICHARD

### Benjamin Franklin's Apothegms from *Poor Richard's Almanack*

*There are no gains without pains.*

*Half the truth is often a great lie.*



Benjamin Franklin.

Head-and-shoulders portrait, facing left.

Created/Published c1913.

Peale, Charles Willson, 1741-1827, artist.

Photographic print : gelatin silver.  
Reproduction of painting, 1787.

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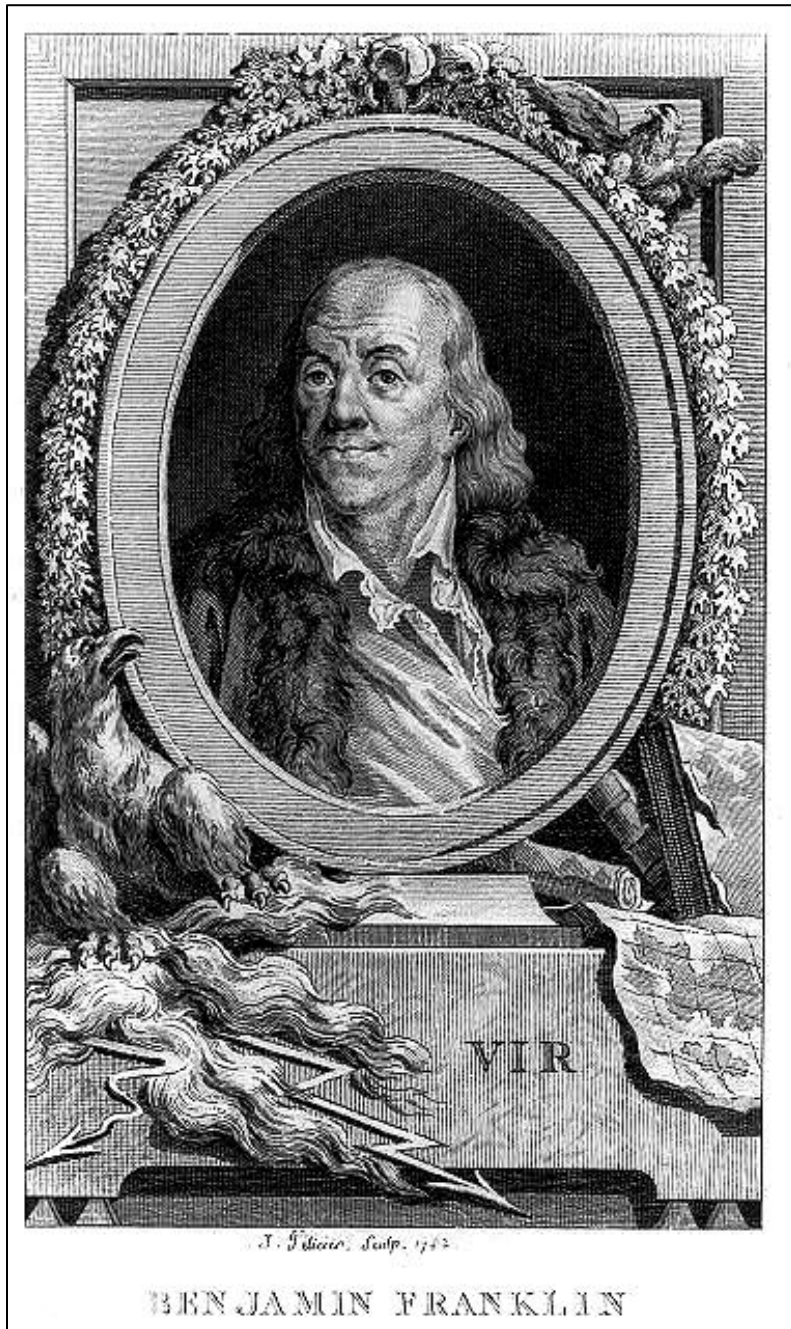
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*Speak little, do much.*

*He that's secure is not safe.*

**Genius without education is like silver in the mine.**

**A light purse is a heavy curse.**



Benjamin Franklin.

Head-and-shoulders portrait, facing slightly left, wearing fur collar, in oval draped with foliage on pedestal with books, map, eagles, storm clouds and lightning, and with "VIR" carved into the base.

Created/Published 1782.

Pélicier, J., active 1780-1790, etcher.

Etching.

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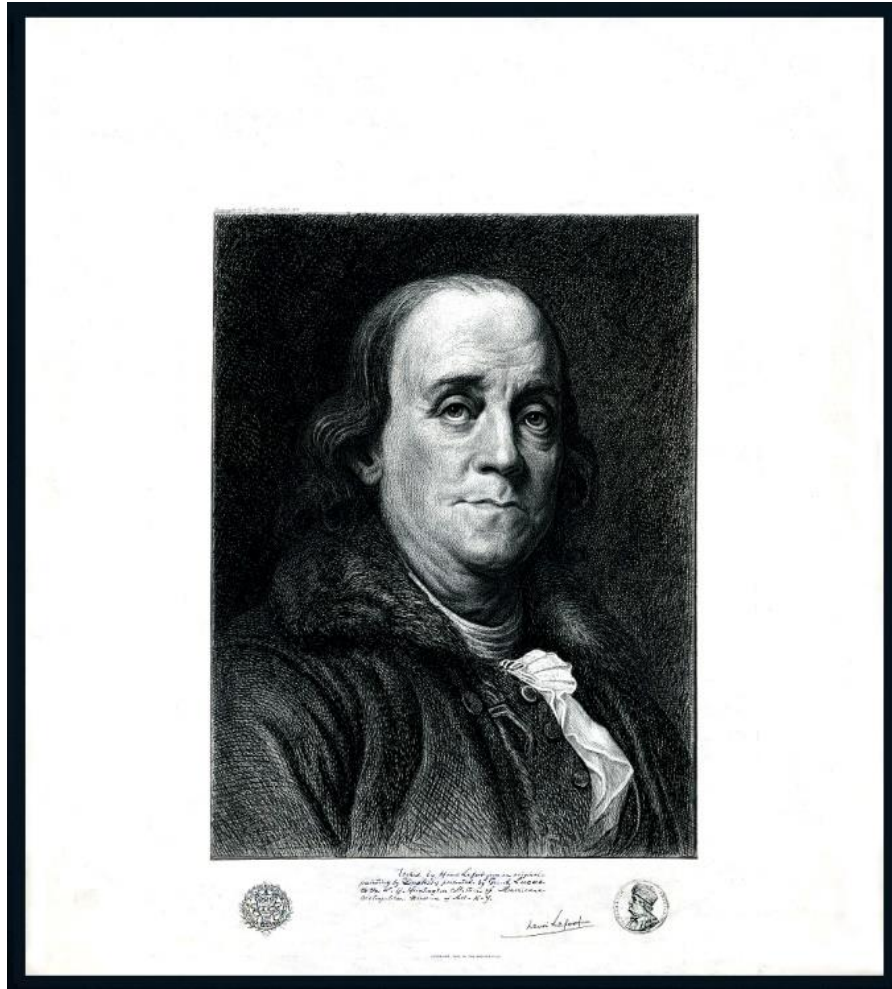
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**Rather go to bed supperless, than run in debt for a breakfast.**

**Beauty and folly are old companions.**

***Great talkers, little doers.***

***A lie stands on one leg, truth on two.***



Benjamin Franklin.

Created/Published  
New York:  
[publisher not  
transcribed], 1898.

Lefort, Henri,  
etcher; Duplessis,  
artist.

Etching; sheet 92 x  
122 cm. or less.

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***Great modesty often hides great merit.***

***If you would be loved, love and be loveable.***

***Children and princes will quarrel for trifles.***

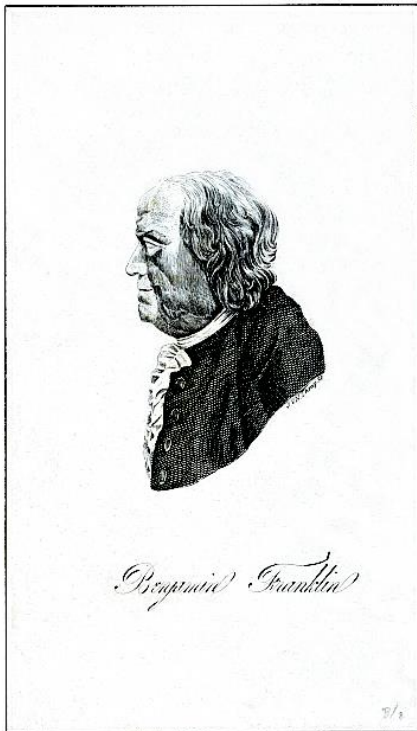
***The tongue is ever turning to the aching tooth.***

***A true friend is the best possession.***

***No wood without bark.***

***Let thy discontents be secrets.***

***If you desire many things, many things will seem but a few.***



Benjamin Franklin.

Created/Published  
[between 1825 and  
1830?].

Throop, John Peter  
Van Ness, 1794-  
approx 1861, artist.

Engraving.

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***At the working man's house hunger looks in but dares not enter.***

***Want of care does us more damage than want of knowledge.***

***He that lives upon hope will die fasting.***

***Pride dines on vanity, sups on contempt.***

***Hear no ill of a friend, nor speak any of an enemy.***



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

Published by Wm. Duane Philadelphia, 1809

Benjamin Franklin.

J. Akin, sc.,  
Philadelphia.

Created/Published  
Philadelphia: Wm.  
Duane, 1809.

Engraving.

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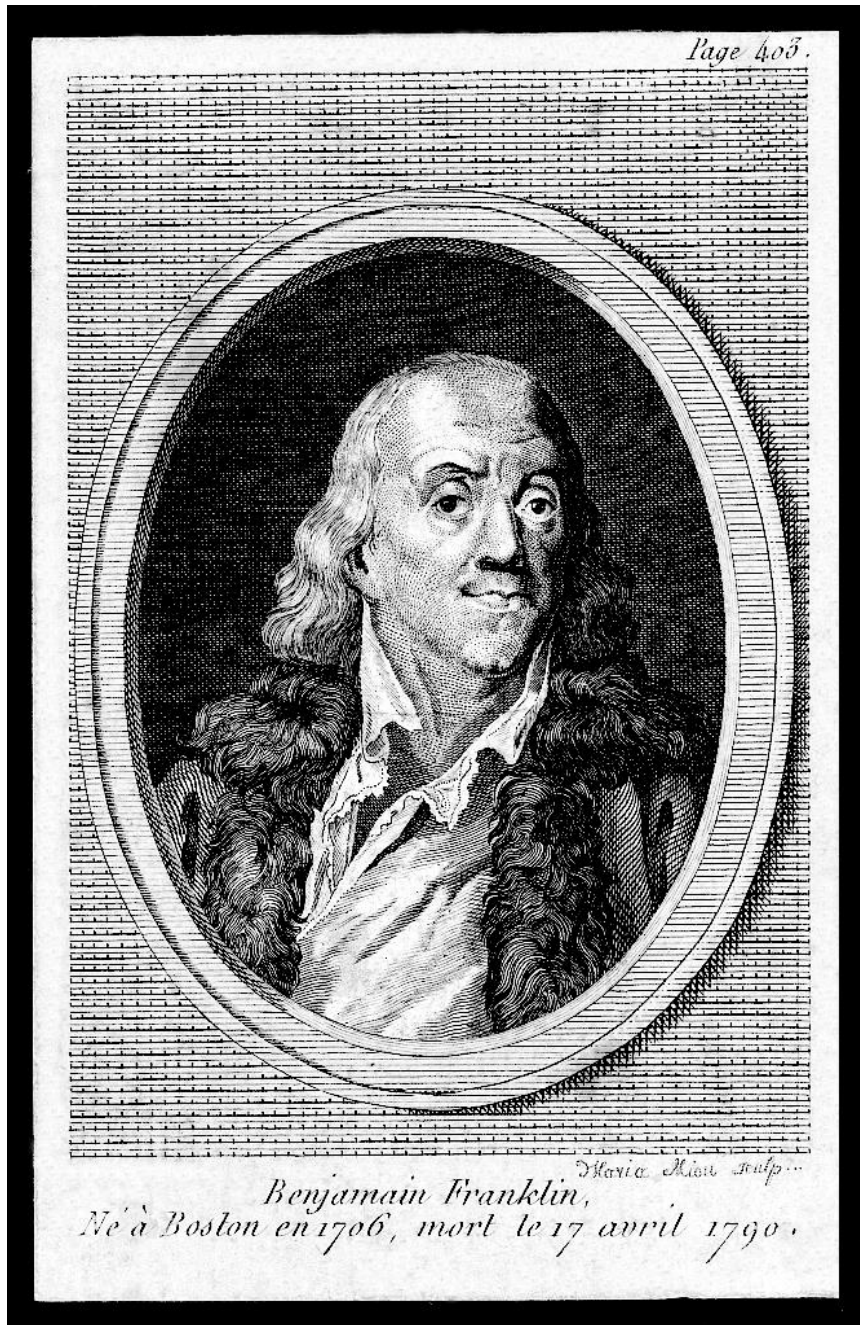
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***To lengthen thy life, lessen thy meals.***

**Wise men learn by others' harms; fools by their own.**

**Glass, china and reputation are easily cracked and never well mended.**



Benjamin Franklin.

Created/Published  
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Print.

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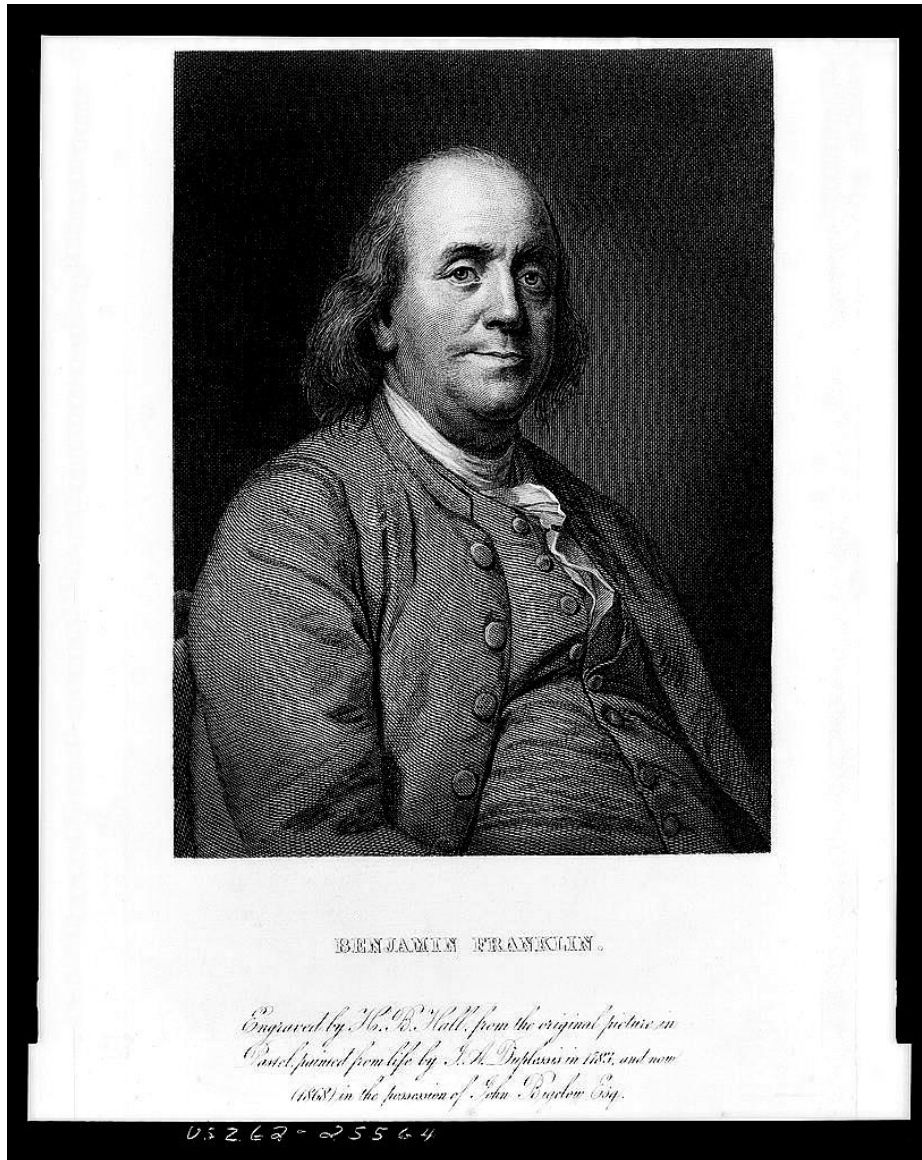
**Fools make feasts and wise men eat them.**

**Wink at small faults; remember thou hast great ones.**



**Wish not so much to live long as to live well.**

**Dally not with other folk's women or money.**



Benjamin Franklin.

Head and  
shoulders, facing  
right.

Created  
/Published 1868.

Engraved by H.B.  
Hall from the  
original by J.A.  
Duplessis in 1783,  
and now (1868) in  
the possession of  
John Bigelow, Esq.

Engraving.

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**Industry pays debts while despair increases them.**

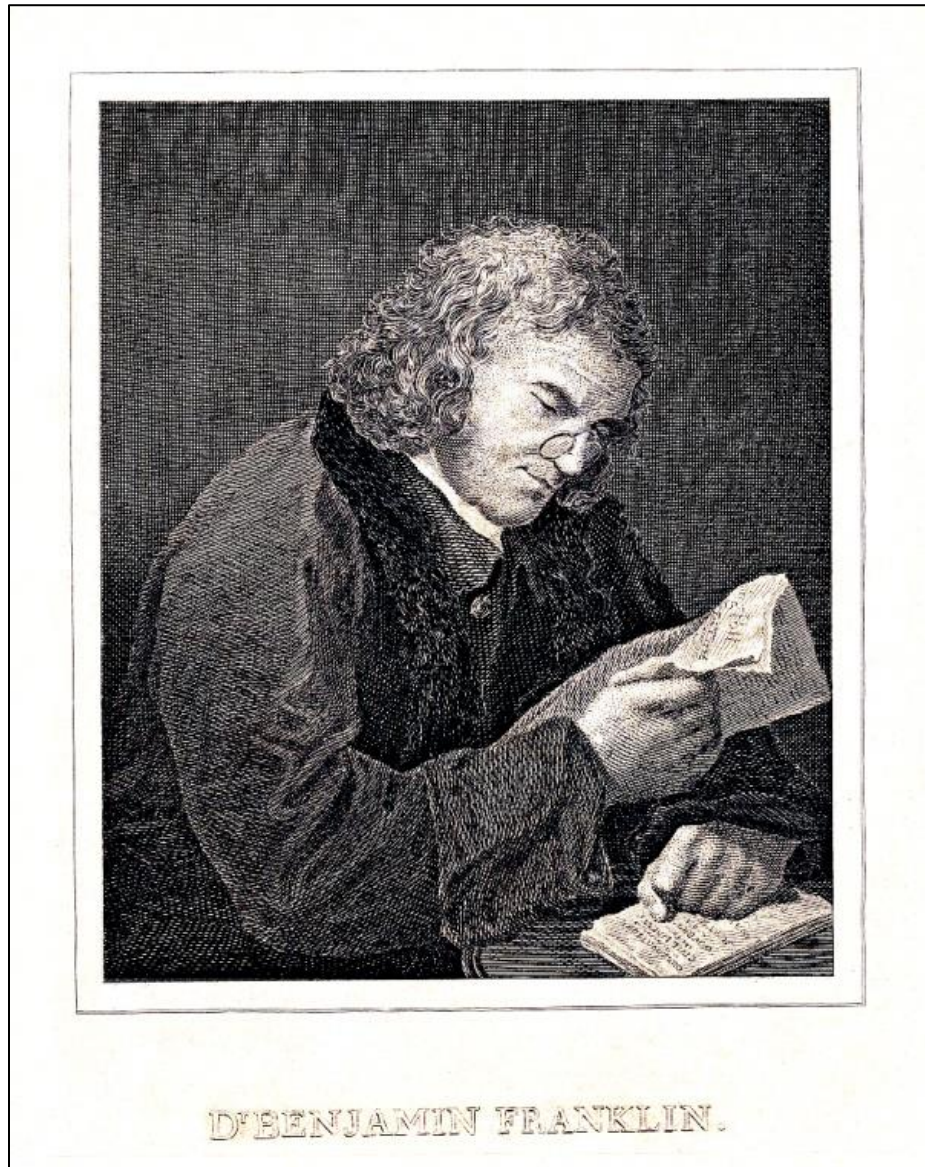
**Not to oversee workmen is to leave them your purse open.**

**Diligence is the mother of good luck.**

**Who dainties love shall beggars prove.**

***Meanness is the parent of insolence.***

***He that speaks much is much mistaken.***



Benjamin  
Franklin.

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***Plough deep while sluggards sleep and you shall have corn to sell  
and to keep.***

***Want of care does us more damage than want of knowledge.***

***Three good meals a day is bad living.***

***Being ignorant is not so much a shame as being unwilling to learn.***



***Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, half shut afterwards.***

***Kings have long arms, but misfortune longer, let none think themselves out of her reach.***



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN L.L.D.

Benjamin Franklin  
L.L.D.

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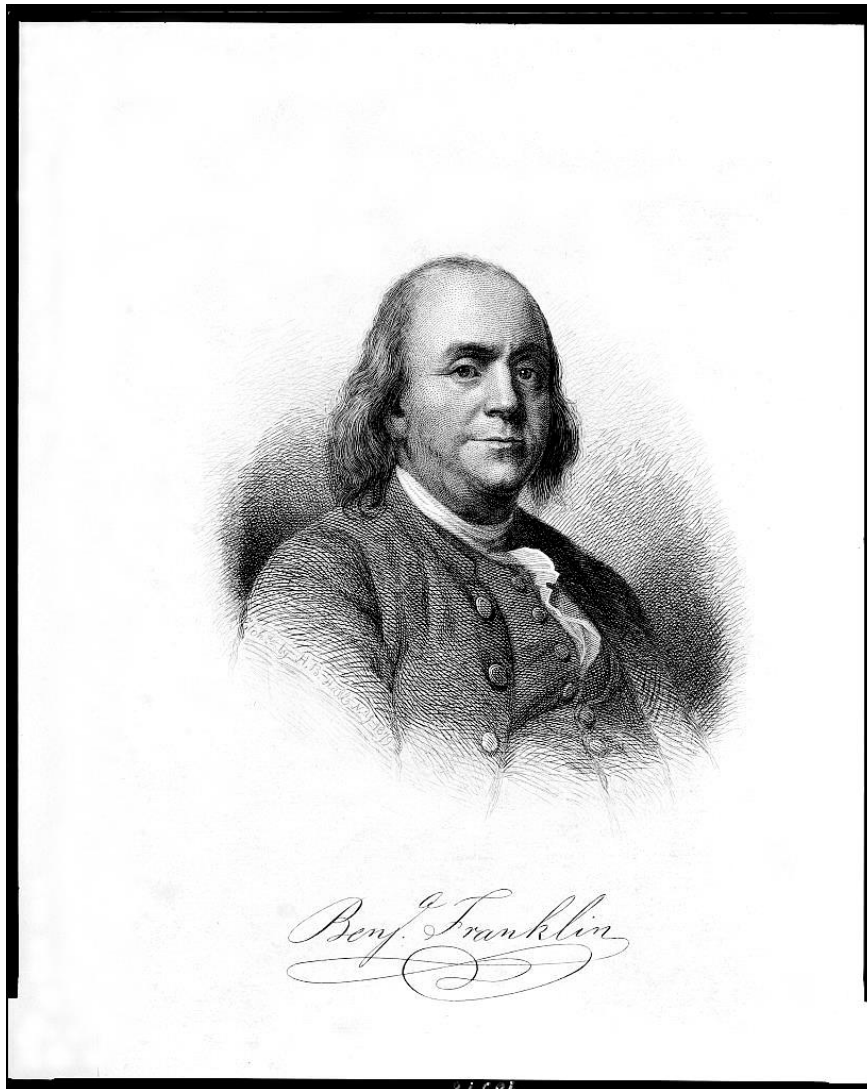
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***A man in a passion rides a mad horse.***

***Those who are feared are hated.***

***If your head is wax, don't walk in the sun.***



Benjamin Franklin.

Half-length portrait,  
facing right.

Created/Published  
[1879].

Engraving by Henry  
Bryan Hall  
[printmaker], N.Y.,  
1879.

Engraving.

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***Have you something to do tomorrow? Do it today.***

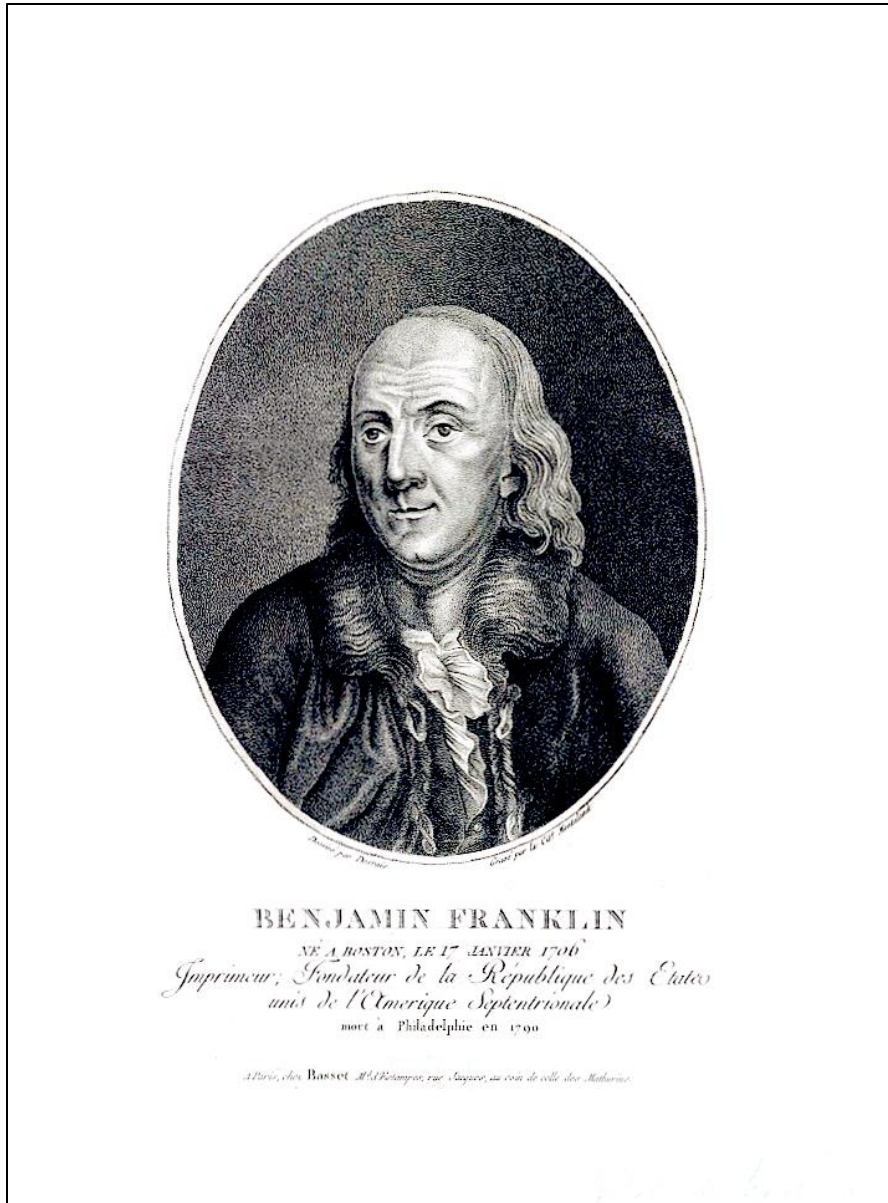
***Industry gives comfort and plenty and respect.***

***Blame-all and praise-all are two blockheads.***

***The busy man has few idle visitors; to the boiling pot the flies come not.***

**The heart of a fool is in his mouth, but the mouth of a wise man is in his heart.**

**It is ill-manners to silence a fool and cruelty to let him go on.**



Benjamin Franklin.

Head-and-shoulders portrait, facing slightly left, in oval.

Created/Published  
Paris: Chez Basset  
Md. d'Estampes, rue  
Jacques, au coin de  
celle des Mathurins,  
[179-].

Basset (Firm),  
publisher; Desrais,  
Claude Louis, 1746-  
1816, artist.

Engraving; 28 x 22  
cm (plate), 33.1 x  
25.1 cm (sheet).

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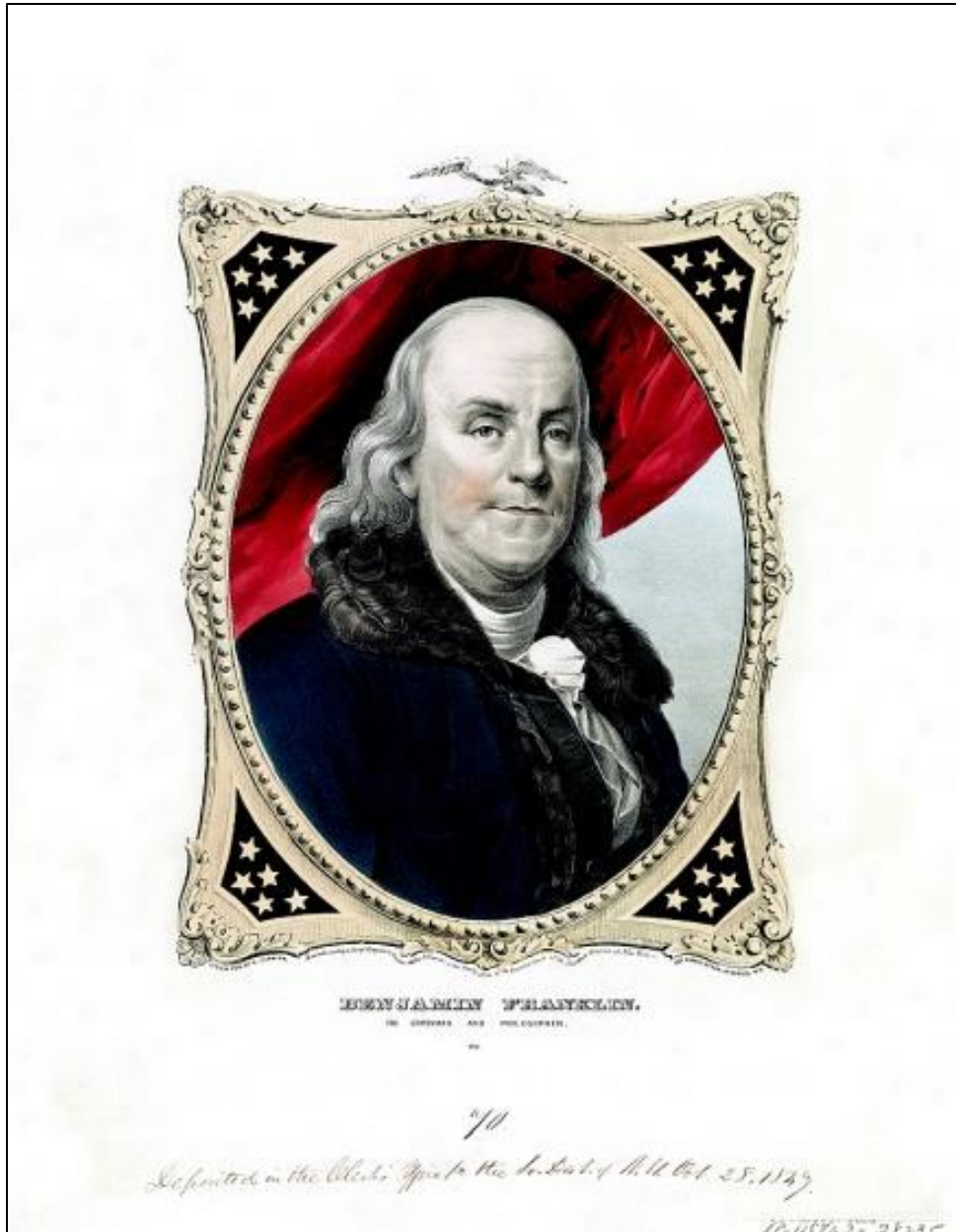
**Industry pays debts while despair increases them.**

**Hear no ill of a friend, nor speak any of an enemy.**

**Anger is never without a reason but seldom with a good one.**

**Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other, and scarce in that.**

**Be slow in choosing a friend, slower in changing.**



Benjamin Franklin:  
The statesman  
and philosopher.

Created/  
Published [New  
York]: N. Currier,  
1847.

Lithograph, hand  
coloured.

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**One today is worth two tomorrows.**

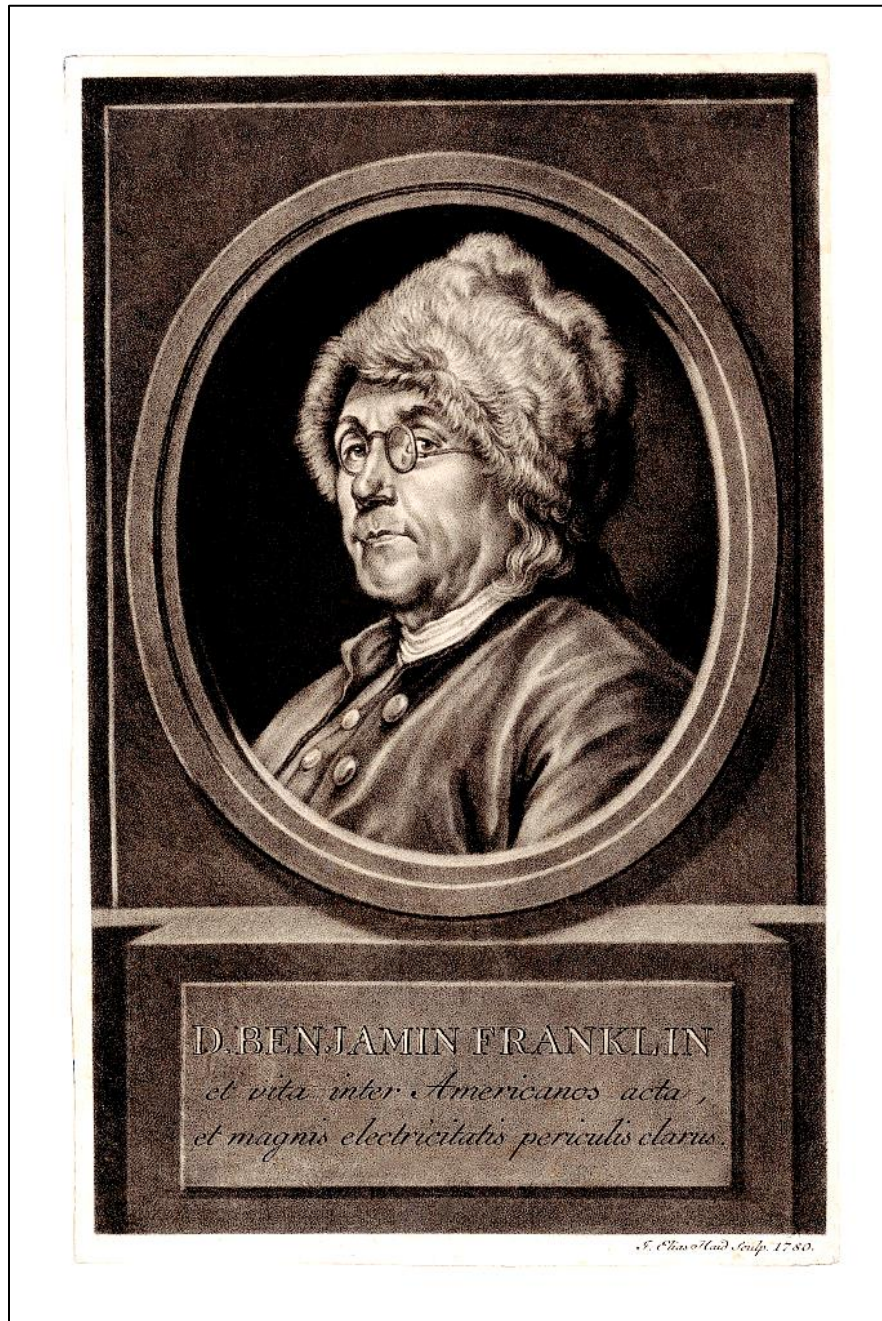
**Fools make feasts and wise men eat them.**

**Having been poor is no shame; but being ashamed of it is.**



**Tricks and treachery are the practice of fools that have not wit enough to be honest.**

**Be civil to all, serviceable to many, familiar with few, friend to one, enemy to none.**



D. Benjamin Franklin,  
et vita inter  
Americanos acta, et  
magnis electricitatis  
periculis clarus / J.  
Elias Haid sculp.,  
1780.

Head-and-shoulders  
portrait, facing left,  
wearing fur cap and  
spectacles,  
medallion on  
pedestal.

Created/Published  
1780.

Haid, Johann Elias,  
1739-1809, engraver.

Mezzotint.

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**Silks and satins, scarlet and velvets have put out the kitchen fire.**



**The proud hate pride - in others.**

**Sell not virtue to purchase wealth nor liberty to purchase power.**



Chevillet, Juste. 1729-1802. fr.  
Duplessis, Joseph-Siffrède. 1725-1802. fr.

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Benjamin Franklin.

Half-length portrait,  
seated, facing  
slightly left, in oval  
on pedestal with  
poem.

Created/Published  
1778.

Chevillet, Justus,  
1729-1802,  
engraver; Duplessis,  
Joseph-Siffrède,  
1725-1802, artist.

Engraving; 43 x31  
cm (sheet).

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**All things are easy to industry, all things are difficult to sloth.**

**For age and want save while you may; no morning sun lasts a whole day.**

***Plough deep while sluggards sleep and you shall have corn to sell and to keep.***

***Bargaining has neither friends nor relations.***



Dr. Benjamin [i.e., Benjamin] Franklin  
gebohrn zu Boston  
den 17 Janü. 1706.

Half-length portrait,  
facing slightly right,  
wearing fur hat,  
holding book, in  
oval.

Created/Published  
Nürnberg: G.N.  
Raspe, [1778].

Etching.

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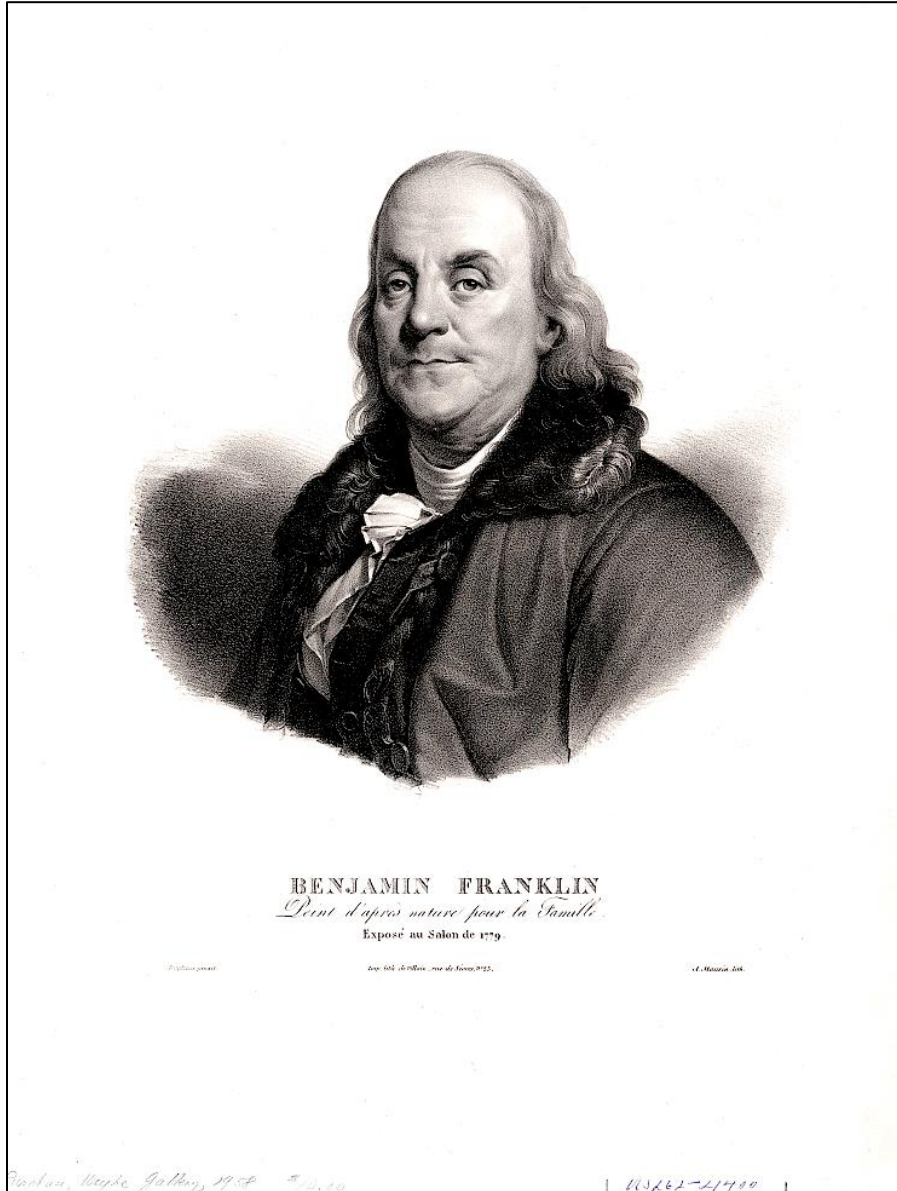
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***As pride increases, fortune declines.***

***The things which hurt, instruct.***

**Men and melons are hard to know.**

**He that won't be counselled, can't be helped.**



Benjamin Franklin.

Head-and-shoulders portrait, facing slightly left.

Created/Published [Paris]: [between 1824 and 1860].

Maurin, Antoine, 1793-1860, artist;  
Duplessis, Joseph-Siffrède, 1725-1802, artist.

Lithograph.

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**If thou injurest conscience, it will have its revenge on thee.**

**Avoid dishonest gain: no price can recompence the pangs of vice.**

**Make haste slowly.**

***Good sense is a thing all need, few have, and none think they lack.***

***Many a man's own tongue gives evidence against his understanding.***



Benjamin Franklin L.L.D.  
- envoy from the  
American Congress to  
the French Court.

Three-quarter length  
portrait, seated at desk,  
facing right with left  
arm resting on arm of  
chair.

Created/Published  
[1780].

Engraving.

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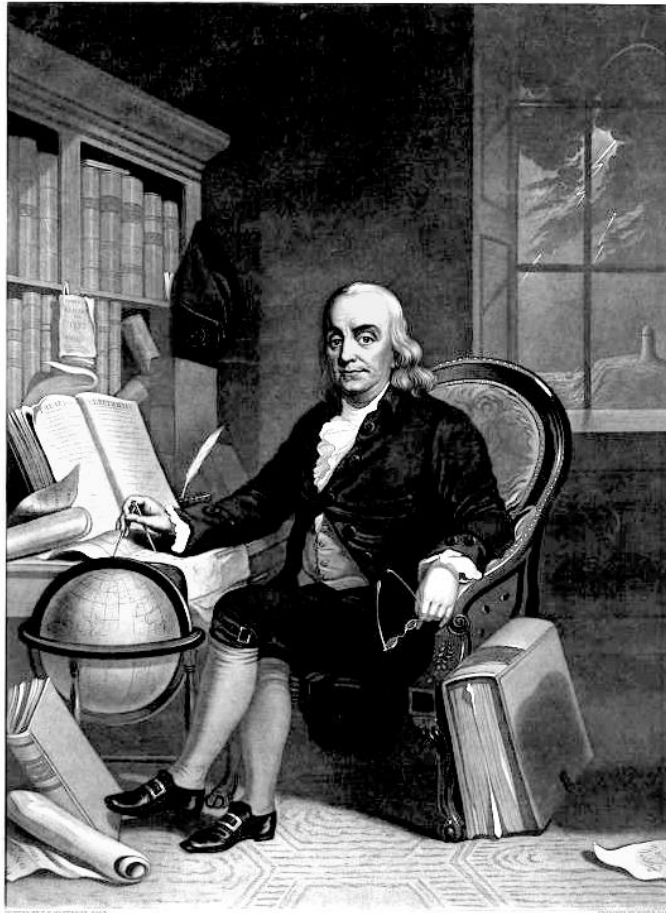
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***Success has ruined many a man.***

***Half wits talk much but say little.***

***Who is strong? He that can conquer his bad habits.***

***You may talk too much on the best of subjects.***



**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.**

Benjamin Franklin.

Full-length portrait,  
sitting in chair,  
facing slightly left,  
holding compass.

Created/Published  
[New York City]:  
Printed by J.  
Neale, 1847,  
c1846.

Painted by T.H.  
Matteson, Esqr.;  
engraved by Heny.  
S. Sadd.

Mezzotint.

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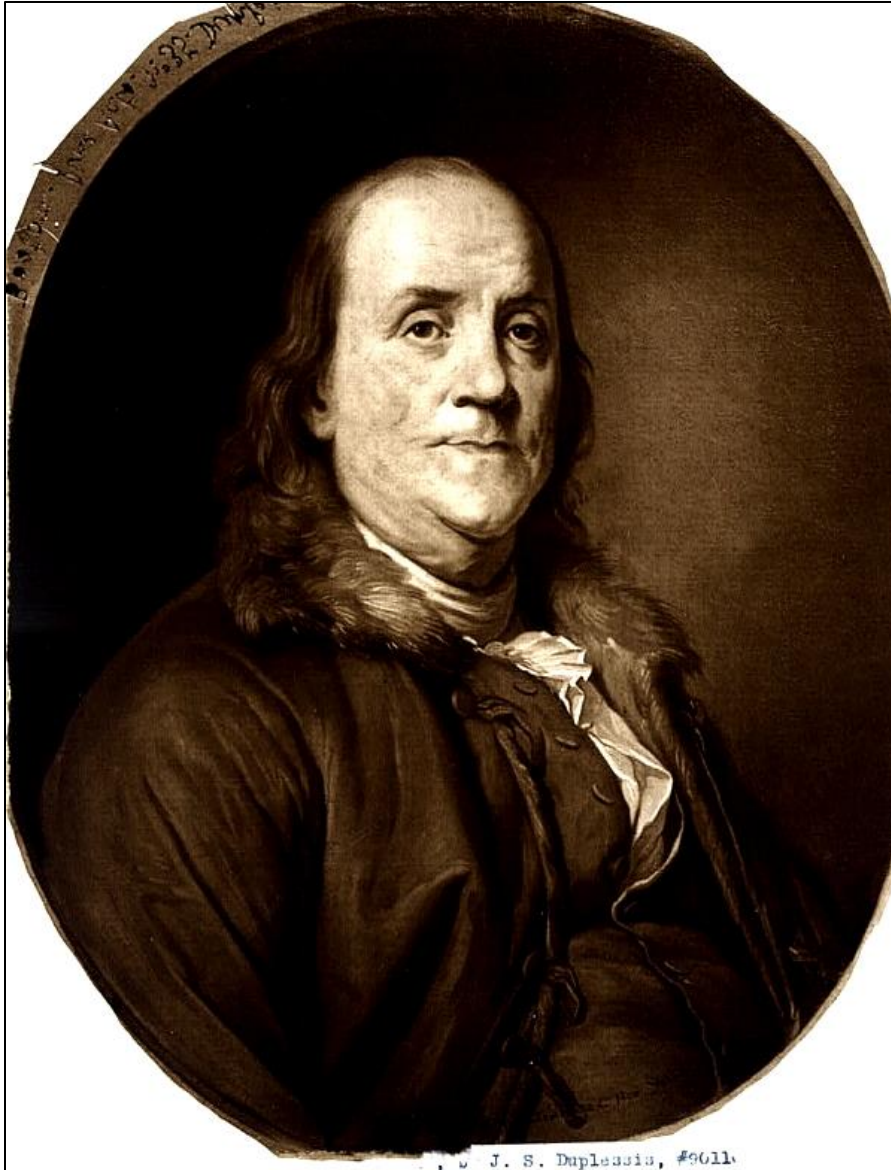
***To be humble to superiors is duty, to equals courtesy, to inferiors nobleness.***

***Each year one vicious habit rooted out, in time might make the worst man good throughout.***



***Take this remark from Richard poor and lame, whatever is begun in anger ends in shame.***

***Beware of little expenses, a small leak will sink a great ship.***



Benjamin Franklin.

Head-and-shoulders portrait, facing slightly right, wearing fur collar.

Created/Published c1907.

Duplessis, Joseph-Siffrède, 1725-1802, artist.

Photographic print.

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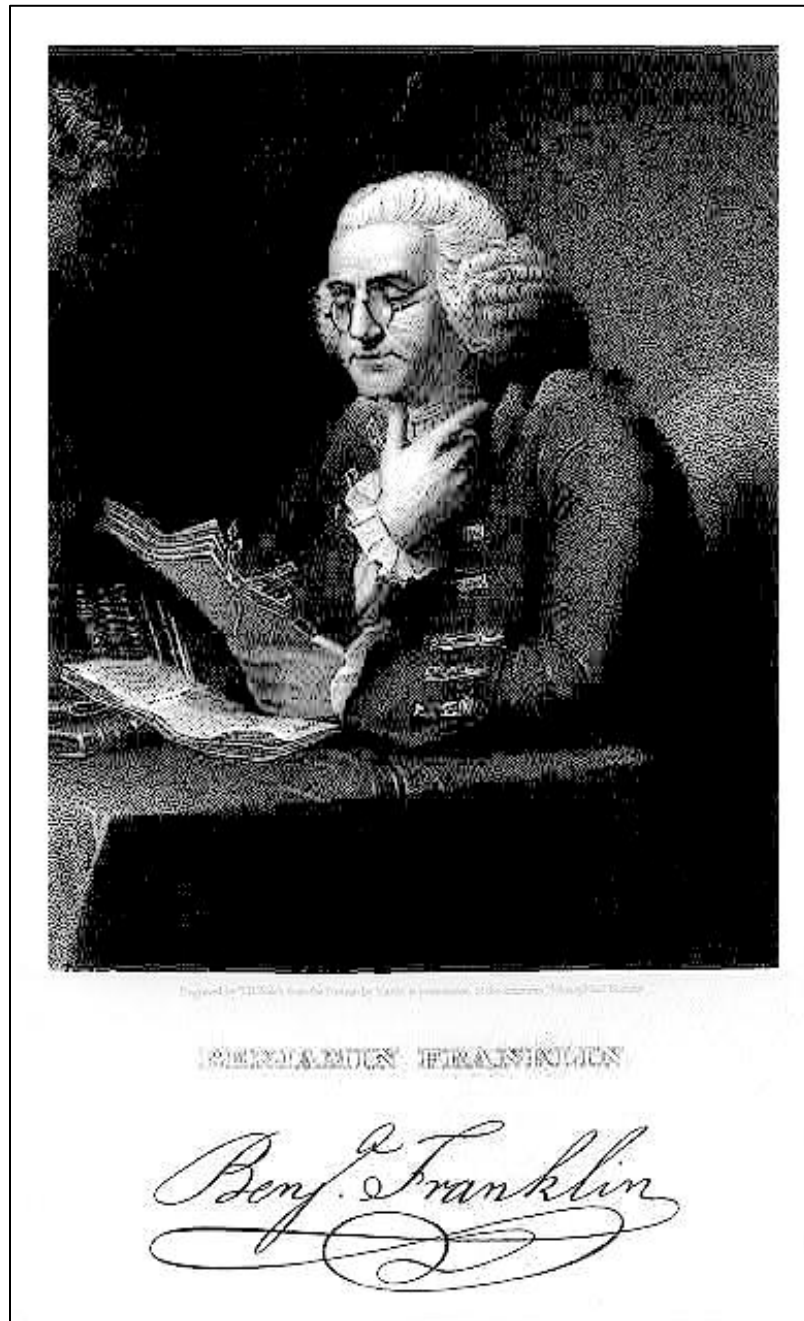
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***Buy what thou has no need of and ere long thou shall sell thy necessities.***

***He that does what he should not shall feel what he would not.***

***Proclaim not all thou knoweth, all thou owest, all thou hast, nor all thou canst.***

***If you would not be forgotten as soon as you are dead and rotten, either write things worth reading or do things worth writing.***



Benjamin Franklin  
engraved by T.B.  
Welch from the  
portrait by Martin in  
the possession of the  
American  
Philosophical Society.

Created/Published  
[between 1840 and  
1850].

Welch, Thomas B.,  
1814-1874,  
printmaker; Martin,  
David, 1737-1797,  
artist.

Engraving.

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***Content is the philosopher's stone, that turns all it touches into gold.***

***He that would catch fish, must venture his bait.***

***Neglect mending a small fault, and 'twill soon be a great one.***



Engraved by Geo. E. Perine, St. J. for the engraver, after a painting by W. A. G. Smith, 1772.

*Benjamin Franklin*

Benjamin Franklin.

Head-and-shoulders portrait, wearing a fur hat and spectacles, facing right.

Created /Published [between 1860 and 1885].

Perine, George Edward, 1837-1885, engraver; Cochin, Charles Nicolas, 1715-1790, artist.

Engraving.

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***Laws too gentle are seldom obeyed; too severe, seldom executed.***

***Learning to the studious; riches to the careful; power to the bold;  
Heaven to the virtuous.***



***If Jack's in love, he's no judge of Jill's beauty.***

***The end of passion is the beginning of repentance.***



B. Franklin, L.L.D. F.R.S.  
- ambassador from  
the Congress of  
America to the Court  
of France / J. Norman  
sc.

After the medal by  
the Manufacture  
Nationale de Sèvres  
in 1778.

Head-and-shoulders  
portrait, left profile, in  
oval.

Created/Published  
[1781].

Norman, John, 1748?-  
1817, etcher.

Etching.

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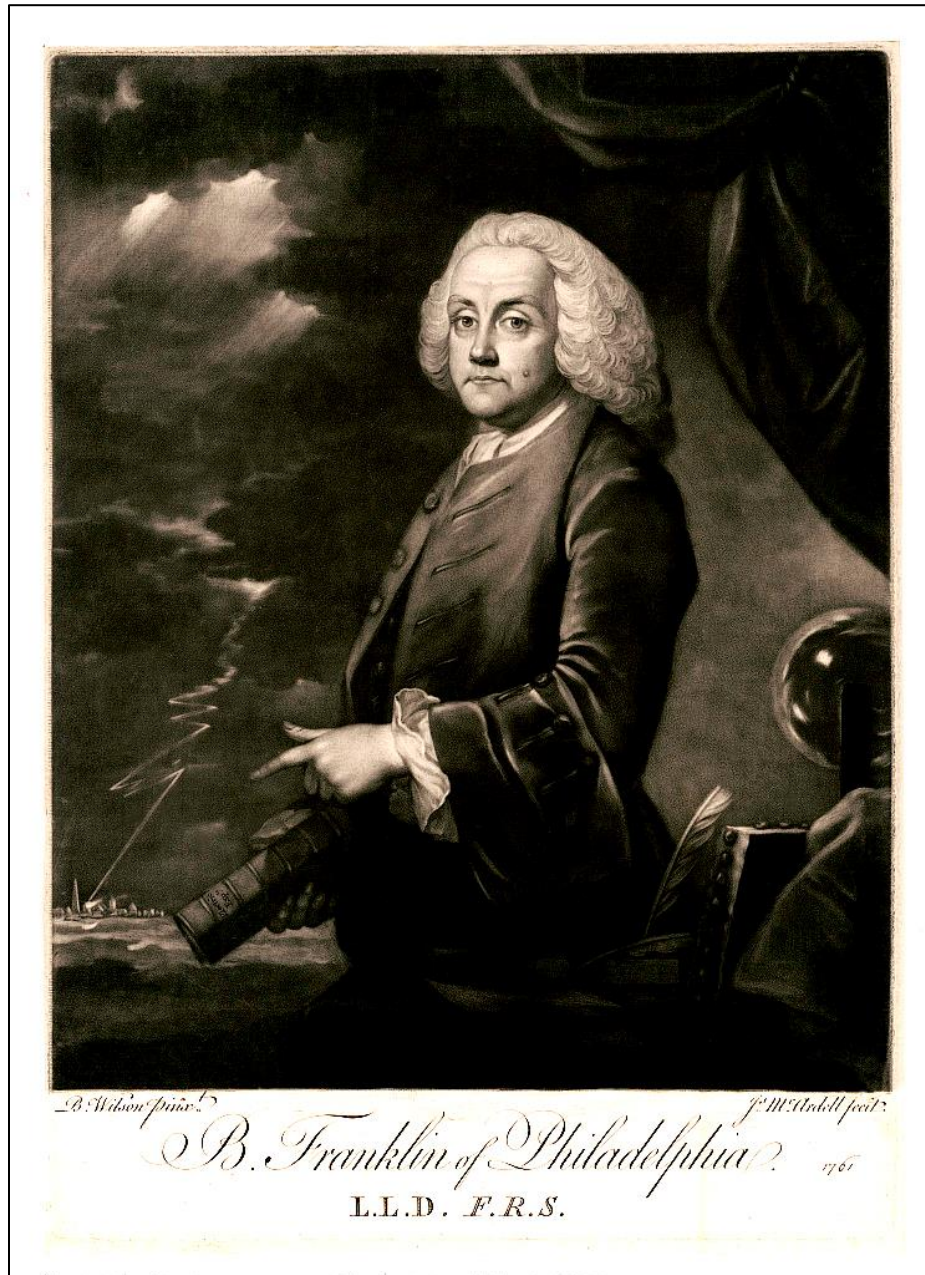
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***Don't judge of men's wealth or piety by their Sunday appearances.***

***Don't throw stones at your neighbors' if your own windows are glass.***

***Virtue and happiness are mother and daughter.***

***An ill wound, but not an ill name, may be healed.***



Benjamin Franklin.

Half-length portrait, standing, facing slightly left, he holds a book "Electric Expts", scientific instruments are to his left.

Created/Published 1761.

McArdell, James, approximately 1729-1765, engraver; Wilson, Benjamin, 1721-1788, artist.

Mezzotint.  
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***Deny self for self's sake.***

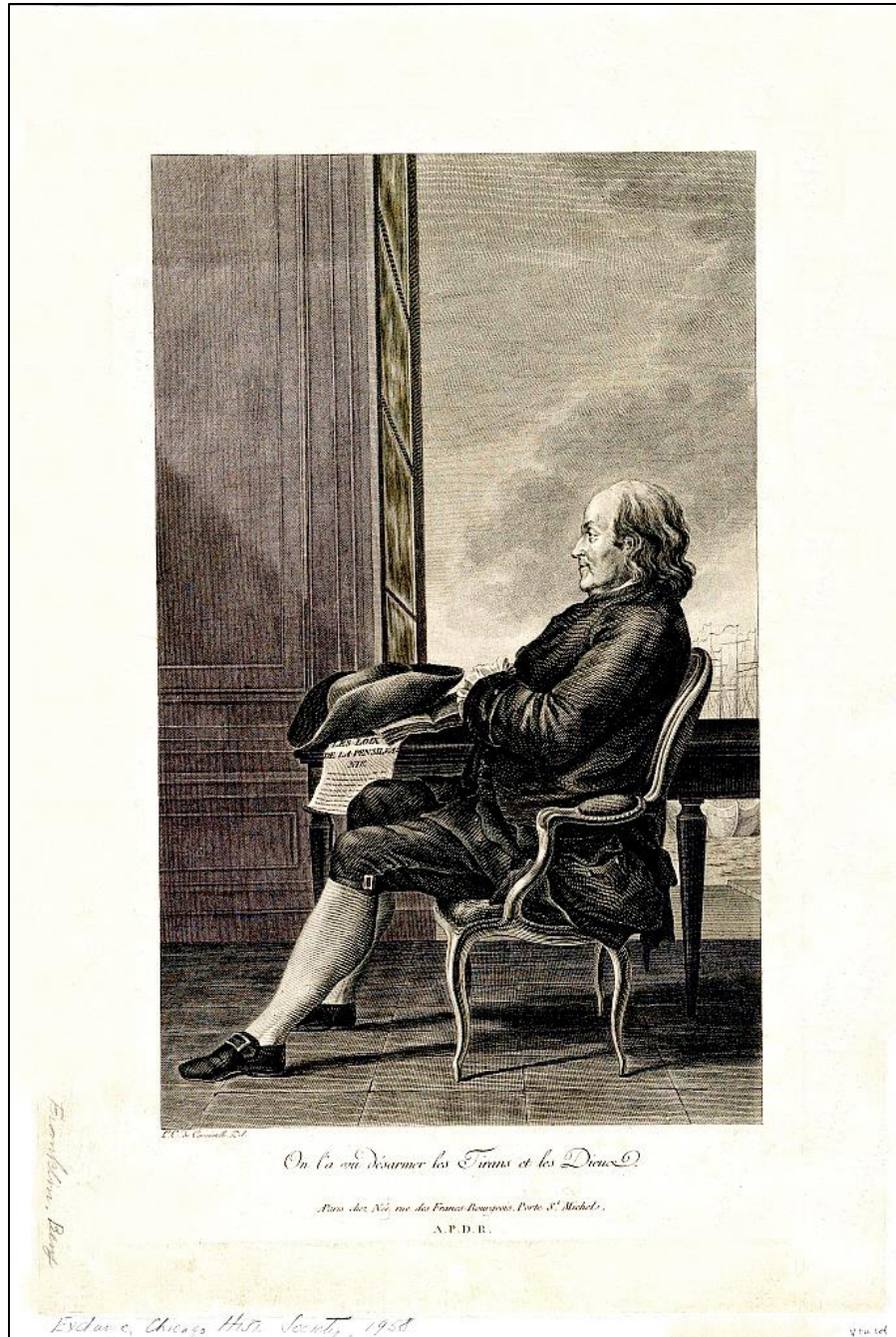
***Beauty and folly are old companions.***

***A quarrelsome man has no good neighbors.***



**All things are cheap to the saving, dear to the wasteful.**

**Anger and folly walk cheek by jowl; repentance treads on both their heels.**



Benjamin Franklin.

Full-length portrait, left profile, seated at table, hat, book, and papers on table.

Created/Published Paris : Chez Née rue des Francs-Bourgeois, Porte St. Michel, [1780 or 1781].

Née, François Denis, 1732-1817, engraver; Carmontelle, 1717-1806, artist.

Engraving.

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**The same man cannot be both friend and flatterer.**

**Hear reason, or she'll make you feel her.**

***There's many witty men whose brains can't fill their bellies.***

***The eye of a master will do more work than his hand.***



Dr. Franklin.

Three-quarter length portrait, seated at desk, looking to his right at an electrical device, in his left hand are papers upon which he is taking notes.

Created/Published  
Pater Noster Row,  
[London]: Published  
by Fielding & Walker,  
1778 Novr. 1st.

Chamberlin, Mason,  
-1787, artist.

Engraving.

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***Philosophy as well as foppery often changes fashion.***

***Lying rides upon debt's back.***

***Despair ruins some, presumption many.***

Note, This ALMANACK us'd to contain but 24 Pages, and  
now has 36; yet the Price is very little advanc'd.

Poor RICHARD improved:

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*Poor Richard's Almanack* was a yearly almanac published by Benjamin Franklin, who adopted the pseudonym of "Poor Richard" or "Richard Saunders". The publication appeared from 1732 to 1758. It sold as a pamphlet published in the Thirteen Colonies. It is remembered for Franklin's **apothegms**. (Wp)

Franklin borrowed the name "Richard Saunders" from the seventeenth-century author of *Rider's British Merlin*, a London almanac which was published throughout the eighteenth century. Franklin created the **Poor Richard** persona based in part on Jonathan Swift's pseudonymous character, "Isaac Bickerstaff". (Wp)

More examples of Franklin's apothegms:

***Men take more pains to mask than mend.***

***Work while it is called today for you know not how much you may be hindered tomorrow.***

***When a friend deals with a friend let the bargain be clear and well penn'd, that they may continue friends to the end.***

***Trouble springs from idleness and grievous toil from needless ease.***

***A pair of good ears will drain dry an hundred tongues.***

***Women and wine, game and deceit make the wealth small and the wants great.***

***A quiet conscience sleeps in thunder, but rest and guilt live far asunder.***

***What maintains one vice would bring up two children.***

***Pride and the gout, are seldom cur'd throughout.***

***Children and princes will quarrel for trifles.***

***Nothing brings more pain than too much pleasure; nothing more bondage than too much liberty.***

***The learned fool writes his nonsense in better languages than the unlearned; but still it is nonsense.***

***Write injuries in dust, benefits in marble.***

***It's the easiest thing in the world for a man to deceive himself.***

***Here comes the orator! With his flood of words and his drop of reason.***

***He that lies down with dogs shall rise up with fleas.***

***Think of three things: whence you came, where you are going, and to whom you must account.***

***Employ thy time well, if thou meanest to gain leisure.***

***If thou injurest conscience, it will have its revenge on thee.***

***He that falls in love with himself, will have no rivals.***

***In success be moderate.***

***The family of fools is ancient.***

***Look before, or you'll find yourself behind.***

***The poor have little, beggars none; the rich too much, enough not one.***

***Great beauty, great strength, and great riches are really and truly of no great use; a right heart exceeds all.***

***No better relation than a prudent and faithful friend.***

***Humility makes great men twice honourable.***

***Where sense is wanting everything is wanting.***

***What you would seem to be, be really.***



***Love your enemies, for they tell you your faults.***

***There are three faithful friends - an old wife, an old dog, and ready money.***

***Hunger never saw bad bread.***

***Anger and folly walk cheek by jowl; repentance treads on both their heels.***

***A slip of the foot you may soon recover, but a slip of the tongue you may never get over.***

***Teach your child to hold his tongue, he'll learn fast enough to speak.***

***After crosses and losses men grow humbler and wiser.***

***Each year one vicious habit rooted out, in time might make the worst man good throughout.***

***Fear to do evil and you need fear nothing else.***

***None preaches better than the ant, and she says nothing.***

***Trust thyself and another shall not betray thee.***

***Keep thy shop and thy shop will keep thee.***

***Diligence overcomes difficulties, sloth makes them.***

***Courage would fight, but discretion won't let him.***

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