

Xhosa Proverb
Dawn does not come twice to wake a person up.

Meaning
When you get an opportunity, take it. You may not get that same opportunity again.



African Proverb
They found nothing wrong with the rose, so they complained it had thorns.

Meaning
When you exude good qualities, people will always try to find something wrong with you.



African Proverb
Examine what is said, not who is speaking.

Meaning
Too often we miss valuable information simply because we don't like who it is coming from. Focus on the message, because everyone has the ability to teach us something.



African Proverb
Strategy is better than strength.

Meaning
Using your intellect to make clever strategies is better than relying solely on physical power.

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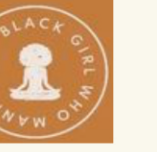
African Proverb
Never mind if your nose is ugly, as long as you can breathe through it.

Meaning
Place greater emphasis on your body's functionality and overall well-being rather than its outward appearance.

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African Proverb
If you're peeling groundnuts for a blind man, you must keep whistling so he knows you're not eating them.

Meaning
Be as transparent and honest in your affairs as possible, even if you think no one is watching.



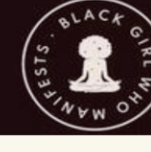
Zulu Proverb
The same boiling water that softens the potato hardens the egg.

Meaning
Similar experiences can impact people in different ways. Avoid judging someone else's circumstances just because you navigated through a similar situation successfully.

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African Proverb
If a bird does not fly, it goes to bed hungry.

Meaning
If you don't make any moves, nothing will happen. Be aggressive with your goals.



African Proverb
A flea can trouble a lion more than a lion can trouble a flea.

Meaning
Don't underestimate the significant impact of seemingly minor things.



“When a clown moves into a palace, he doesn't become a king. The palace becomes a circus.”

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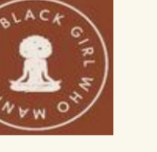
African Proverb
If you can walk, you can dance. If you can talk, you can sing.

Meaning
Believe it or not, you are already halfway to achieving the things you once considered impossible.



African Proverb
If you wish to move mountains tomorrow, you must start by lifting stones today.

Meaning
You have to begin somewhere. Even by starting small, persistence will lead you a long way.



African Proverb
The hand that gives also receives.

Meaning
The generosity you give will come back to you.



African Proverb
No matter how sharp your teeth are, you can't bite water.

Meaning
Each problem comes with its own solution. Take time to understand the nature of the situation before taking action.

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African Proverb
Even the colors of a chameleon are for survival not beauty.

Meaning
Consider the practical purpose of everything before focusing on aesthetic appeal.



African Proverb
We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children.

Meaning
Everything we do on Earth affects our descendants. It's our responsibility to improve the world for them.

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Congolese Proverb
No matter how hard you throw a dead fish in the water, it still won't swim.

Meaning
You can't make someone do something if they lack motivation or interest.



Tuareg Proverb
The camel carries its water with it.

Meaning
Independence and preparation are key. Instead of relying on others for what you desire or need, provide it for yourself.

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African Proverb
A large chair does not make a king.

Meaning
Being in a leadership position requires many inner qualities and preparedness over physical attributes or symbols.



African Proverb
A dead man does not know the value of his coffin.

Meaning
Direct your attention to what holds real value in life, as none of it matters when you transition.

African Proverb
Because we focused on the snake, we missed the scorpion.

Meaning
Focusing excessively on one thing can divert your attention from other potentially more harmful matters.



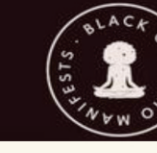
African Proverb
If patience hides something, anger can not find it.

Meaning
Patience allows the truth to be revealed, while anger only complicates things further. Move through life with patience and you'll receive more understanding.



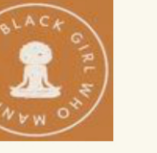
African Proverb
If the sun says it is more powerful than the moon, let it come and shine at night.

Meaning
Big claims should be backed up by actions or proof. Otherwise, it's just empty talk.



African Proverb
The river is swollen with the tears of the crocodile.

Meaning
Not all shows of sadness or regret are real, and you should be careful of hidden motives behind people's emotions.



African Proverb
The lion's power lies in our fear of him.

Meaning
Whatever you fear, will undoubtedly control you.

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Okiek Proverb
When the blanket is short you sleep with bended legs.

Meaning
Make the best of what you have and adapt to every situation. It won't last long.

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Haitian Proverb
If someone sweats for you, you change his shirt.

Meaning
Demonstrate sincere gratitude for the kind acts others do for you; never overlook them.

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African Proverb
Rain beats the leopard's skin, but it does not wash out the spots.

Meaning
Resilience is about not letting bad situations change your true self.

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African Proverb
Ask for a camel when you expect to get a goat.

Meaning
It never hurts to take a chance and ask for more. Even in the face of rejection, the courage to ask for more teaches a valuable lesson in confidence.

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African Proverb
The plant God favors will grow even without rain.

Meaning
Despite external circumstances, what is meant for you will be received.

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African Proverb
Do not throw away your water just because you heard it will be raining.

Meaning
Be wise in your decisions and avoid acting based on hearsay.

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Ashanti Proverb
The termites that bring down a mighty tree do not make noise.

Meaning
Sometimes the biggest threats are the most subtle and unexpected. Pay attention to everything around you.

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African Proverb
Even if you dance in water, your enemies will still accuse you of causing dust.

Meaning
Don't try to please everyone, because people will find fault in everything you do.

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Ugandan Proverb
Even the mightiest eagle comes to the tree tops to rest.

Meaning
Maintaining a balance between rest and self-care is important, regardless of your level of strength.

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African Proverb
Truth is like oil: No matter how much water you pour on it it will always float.

Meaning
No matter how much you try to hide it, the truth will always linger until it reveals itself.

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Congolese Proverb
A single bracelet does not jingle.

Meaning
Collaboration with others is essential to achieve results efficiently. Going solo may not be as effective.

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Khoekhoe Proverb
When a hippo eats a cactus, it trusts its anus.

Meaning
Before taking action, ensure that you have both the capability and the capacity to handle the task at hand.

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African Proverb
A barber does not shave himself.

Meaning
Even if you have major expertise or talent, you will always need some assistance.

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African Proverb
A clean conscience makes a soft pillow.

Meaning
When you act according to your morals, you experience peace of mind as guilt is not in the equation.

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African Proverb
Look for a black goat while it is still daytime.

Meaning
Tackle challenges early, so that they don't become more difficult in the future. Proactivity over procrastination.

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African Proverb
The gratitude of a donkey is a kick.

Meaning
Not everyone may value the good deeds you do for them, and some might even react negatively. Stay true to your clear conscience, and you'll be okay.

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African Proverb
A diamond does not lose value due to a lack of admiration.

Meaning
Just because you're not getting a lot of attention, doesn't mean you're not special. The only validation you need is from yourself.

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African Proverb
A lot of people have fancy watches but no time.

Meaning
Material things cannot buy you what's truly valuable in life.

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African Proverb
When your sister does your hair, you don't need a mirror to see it.

Meaning
Those who consistently act in your best interest can always be trusted.

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Swahili Proverb
Under a beautiful glove, the ugliest hand is hidden.

Meaning
External facades may hide the true essence of things. Look beyond the exterior before making any judgments based solely on appearances.

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African Proverb
When the music changes, so does the dance.

Meaning
Adapt and adjust as much as you can. Different situations require different actions, thoughts, and beliefs.

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African Proverb
You cannot drown if you don't enter water.

Meaning
Every action has a consequence, so to steer clear of problems, it's best to prevent them in the first place.

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