

## Chinese Proverbs

(Simple)

A book holds a house of gold.
Dig a well before you are thirsty.
Do not have each foot on a different boat.
Do not make fun of the crocodile until you've crossed the river.
A man that rides a tiger is afraid to get off.
In a broken nest there are no whole eggs.
Learning is treasure a robber can't steal.
Never try to catch two frogs with one hand.
One step at a time is good way to walk.
When the cat is gone, the mice come out to play.



A single kind word will keep you warm for years.
A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.
A rumour goes in one ear and out many mouths.
A wise man makes his own decisions; an ignorant man follows public opinion.
All cats love fish but fear to wet their paws.
Better a diamond with a flaw than a pebble without.
Better do it than wish it done.
Don't count what you lost, but what you have left.
Dogs have so many friends because they wag their tails, not their tongues.
Don't count your chickens before they are hatched.
Don't cross the bridge until you come to it.
Flowers leave a part of their fragrance in the hands that bestow them.
Forget injuries, never forget kindnesses.
Fortune and flowers do not last forever.
Gold is tested by fire, man by gold.
Habits are cobwebs at first, cables at last.
If a thing's worth doing, it's worth doing well.
If you can't change your fate, change your attitude.
Learning is a weightless treasure you always carry easy.
Looking for fish? Don't climb a tree.
No matter how tall the mountain, it cannot block out the sun.
No wind, no waves.
One generation plants the trees, another gets the shade.
One happiness scatters a thousand sorrows.
Pure gold does not fear the smelter.
Slow in word, swift in deed.
Teachers open the door. You enter by yourself.
The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is today.
The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor a man perfected without trials.
There are many paths to the top of the mountain, but the view is always the same.
Water and words are easy to pour but impossible to recover.
When you want to test the depths of a stream, don't use both feet.