A fool flatters himself, a wise man flatters the fool.
Robert Bulwer-Lytton

A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.
Nelson Mandela

A man begins cutting his wisdom teeth the first time he bites off more than he can chew.
Herb Caen

A mistake is simply another way of doing things.
Katharine Graham

A poem begins in delight and ends in wisdom.
Robert Frost

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

A wise man is superior to any insults which can be put upon him, and the best reply to unseemly behavior is patience and moderation.
Moliere

Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

All this worldly wisdom was once the unamiable heresy of some wise man.
Henry David Thoreau

Almost every wise saying has an opposite one, no less wise, to balance it.
George Santayana
Always keep an open mind and a compassionate heart.
Phil Jackson

As you walk down the fairway of life you must smell the roses, for you only get to play one round.
Ben Hogan

Be happy. It's one way of being wise.
Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

Better mad with the rest of the world than wise alone.
Baltasar Gracian

By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest.
Confucius

Cleverness is not wisdom.
Euripides

Climb the mountains and get their good tidings.
John Muir

Common sense in an uncommon degree is what the world calls wisdom.
Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment.
Jim Rohn

Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.
Ralph Waldo Emerson
Does wisdom perhaps appear on the earth as a raven which is inspired by the smell of carrion?
Friedrich Nietzsche

Don't follow any advice, no matter how good, until you feel as deeply in your spirit as you think in your mind that the counsel is wise.
Joan Rivers

Don't taunt the alligator until after you've crossed the creek.
Dan Rather
Every man is a damn fool for at least five minutes every day; wisdom consists in not exceeding the limit.

**Elbert Hubbard**

Few of the many wise apothegms which have been uttered have prevented a single foolish action.

**Thomas B. Macaulay**

From the errors of others, a wise man corrects his own.

**Publilius Syrus**

Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it, and I shall move the world.

**Archimedes**

Good nature is worth more than knowledge, more than money, more than honor, to the persons who possess it.

**Henry Ward Beecher**

He dares to be a fool, and that is the first step in the direction of wisdom.

**James Huneker**

He who devotes sixteen hours a day to hard study may become at sixty as wise as he thought himself at twenty.

**Mary Wilson Little**

He who lives by the crystal ball soon learns to eat ground glass.

**Edgar R. Fiedler**

Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom.

**Thomas Jefferson**

Honesty is the rarest wealth anyone can possess, and yet all the honesty in the world ain't lawful tender for a loaf of bread.

**Josh Billings**

I'd rather regret the things I've done than regret the things I haven't done.

**Lucille Ball**

If you believe the doctors, nothing is wholesome; if you believe the theologians, nothing is innocent; if you believe the military, nothing is safe.

**Lord Salisbury**
If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.

**Nelson Mandela**

If you want to be found stand where the seeker seeks.

**Sidney Lanier**

If you're trying to achieve, there will be roadblocks. I've had them; everybody has had them. But obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.

**Michael Jordan**

Ignorant men raise questions that wise men answered a thousand years ago.

**Johann Wolfgang von Goethe**

In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks.

**John Muir**

In seeking wisdom thou art wise; in imagining that thou hast attained it - thou art a fool.

**Lord Chesterfield**

It is a characteristic of wisdom not to do desperate things.

**Henry David Thoreau**

It is a common experience that a problem difficult at night is resolved in the morning after the committee of sleep has worked on it.

**John Steinbeck**

It is astonishing with how little wisdom mankind can be governed, when that little wisdom is its own.

**William Ralph Inge**

It is great folly to wish to be wise all alone.

**Francois de La Rochefoucauld**

It is much more difficult to measure nonperformance than performance.

**Harold S. Geneen**

It is the nature of the wise to resist pleasures, but the foolish to be a slave to them.

**Epictetus**

It is the neglect of timely repair that makes rebuilding necessary.

**Richard Whately**
It requires wisdom to understand wisdom: the music is nothing if the audience is deaf.  
Walter Lippmann

It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see.  
Henry David Thoreau

Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers.  
Alfred Lord Tennyson

Learning sleeps and snores in libraries, but wisdom is everywhere, wide awake, on tiptoe.  
Josh Billings

Life is a travelling to the edge of knowledge, then a leap taken.  
David Herbert Lawrence

Memory is the mother of all wisdom.  
Aeschylus

Nature and books belong to the eyes that see them.  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Never does nature say one thing and wisdom another.  
Juvenal

Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.  
George S. Patton

Nine-tenths of wisdom is being wise in time.  
Theodore Roosevelt

No man was ever wise by chance.  
Lucius Annaeus Seneca

Nobody can give you wiser advice than yourself.  
Marcus Tullius Cicero

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal.  
Henry Ford
Of prosperity mortals can never have enough.

Aeschylus

Patience is the companion of wisdom.

Saint Augustine

Perspective is worth 80 IQ points.

Alan Kay

Rarely promise, but, if lawful, constantly perform.

William Penn

Reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one.

Albert Einstein

Repeat anything often enough and it will start to become you.

Tom Hopkins

Self-suggestion makes you master of yourself.

W. Clement Stone

Some folks are wise and some are otherwise.

Tobias Smollett

The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook.

William James

The best way to predict the future is to invent it.

Alan Kay

The difference between chirping out of turn and a faux pas depends on what kind of a bar you’re in.

Wilson Mizner

The doors of wisdom are never shut.

Benjamin Franklin

The end of wisdom is to dream high enough to lose the dream in the seeking of it.

William Faulkner
The future has already arrived. It's just not evenly distributed yet.  

William Gibson

The greatest obstacle to discovery is not ignorance - it is the illusion of knowledge.  

Daniel J. Boorstin

The more sand that has escaped from the hourglass of our life, the clearer we should see through it.  

Jean Paul

The older I grow the more I distrust the familiar doctrine that age brings wisdom.  

H. L. Mencken

The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing.  

Socrates

The opportunity for brotherhood presents itself every time you meet a human being.  

Jane Wyman

The teacher who is indeed wise does not bid you to enter the house of his wisdom but rather leads you to the threshold of your mind.  

Khalil Gibran

The truest wisdom is a resolute determination.  

Napoleon Bonaparte

The wheel that squeaks the loudest is the one that gets the grease.  

Josh Billings

The wisdom of the wise and the experience of the ages are perpetuated by quotations.  

Benjamin Disraeli

The wisdom of the wise is an uncommon degree of common sense.  

Dean Inge

The young man knows the rules, but the old man knows the exceptions.  

Oliver Wendell Holmes

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

Benjamin Franklin

There is a wisdom of the head, and a wisdom of the heart.  

Charles Dickens
To be satisfied with a little, is the greatest wisdom; and he that increaseth his riches, increaseth his cares; but a contented mind is a hidden treasure, and trouble findeth it not.

**Akhenaton**

To conquer fear is the beginning of wisdom.

**Bertrand Russell**

Turn your wounds into wisdom.

**Oprah Winfrey**

Virtues are acquired through endeavor, which rests wholly upon yourself.

**Sidney Lanier**

We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future.

**George Bernard Shaw**

We should not judge people by their peak of excellence; but by the distance they have traveled from the point where they started.

**Henry Ward Beecher**

What is man's ultimate direction in life? It is to look for love, truth, virtue, and beauty.

**Shinichi Suzuki**

When I can look life in the eyes, grown calm and very coldly wise, life will have given me the truth, and taken in exchange - my youth.

**Sara Teasdale**

When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals, adjust the action steps.

**Confucius**

When written in Chinese, the word "crisis" is composed of two characters. One represents danger and the other represents opportunity.

**John F. Kennedy**

Who is wise in love, love most, say least.

**Alfred Lord Tennyson**

Winners never quit and quitters never win.

**Vince Lombardi**
Winning is not everything, but wanting to win is.

*Vince Lombardi*

Wisdom begins at the end.

*Daniel Webster*

Wisdom begins in wonder.

*Socrates*

Wisdom doesn't necessarily come with age. Sometimes age just shows up all by itself.

*Tom Wilson*

Wisdom is a sacred communion.

*Victor Hugo*

Wisdom is always an overmatch for strength.

*Phil Jackson*

Wisdom is found only in truth.

*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

Wisdom is knowing what to do next; virtue is doing it.

*David Starr Jordan*

Wisdom is not wisdom when it is derived from books alone.

*Horace*

Wisdom is the quality that keeps you from getting into situations where you need it.

*Doug Larson*

Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk.

*Doug Larson*

Wisdom is the supreme part of happiness.

*Sophocles*

Wisdom outweighs any wealth.

*Sophocles*
Wisdom stands at the turn in the road and calls upon us publicly, but we consider it false and despise its adherents.

**Khalil Gibran**

Wisdom, compassion, and courage are the three universally recognized moral qualities of men.

**Confucius**

Wise kings generally have wise counselors; and he must be a wise man himself who is capable of distinguishing one.

**Diogenes**

Wise men make more opportunities than they find.

**Francis Bacon**

Wise sayings often fall on barren ground, but a kind word is never thrown away.

**Arthur Helps**

You can't sweep other people off their feet, if you can't be swept off your own.

**Clarence Day**

You have to find out what's right for you, so it's trial and error. You are going to be all right if you accept realistic goals for yourself.

**Teri Garr**