
THE
YOUTH'S
Guide to Wisdom.

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Proverbs bear age, and they who would do well may view themselves in them as in a looking-glass.

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Virtue the Guardian of Youth.

Down the smooth stream of life the strip-
ling darts,
Gay as the morn; bright glows the vernal
sky,
Hope swells his sails, and Passion steers his
course.

Safe glides his little bark along the shore,
Where Virtue takes her stand: but if too far
He launches forth beyond discretion's mark,
Sudden the tempest scowls, the surges roar,
Blot his fair day, and plunge him in the deep.

Benevolence.



Hail ! diest benevolence, friend to
penury, hail !

Whose feeling bosom melts at
human woe ;

Who, over human foibles throws a
veil,

And makes the languid heart of
sorrow glow.

Benevolence.

'The charitable man gives out at the door, and God put in at the window.

He that hath pity on the poor lendeth to the Lord ; that which he hath given, will he pay him again.



Virtue.



Reason's whole pleasure, all the
joys of sense,
Lie in three words, health, peace,
and competence :
But health consists with temperance
alone ;
And peace, O virtue ! peace is all
thy own.

Virtue,

He cannot go wrong
whom virtue guides.

Know, O youth! that
one virtuous disposition of
soul is preferable to the
greatest natural accom-
plishments and abilities,
and of more value than all
the treasures in the world.
If thou art wise then, study
virtue, and let her be thy
guide.

Security against Vice.



Let the sweet work of pray'r and
praise,
Employ my youngest breath ;
Thus I'm prepar'd for longer days,
Or fit for early death.

Security against Vice.

The devil turns his back when he finds the door shut against him.

He that would avoid the snares and allurements of vice, let him early fortify his mind with pious resolutions, as the only security in the day of temptation.

Importance of Learning



Wisdom by long experience grows,
Great skill from live-long study
flows,
Be learning then thy pride.

Importance of Learning

Learning is wealth to the poor, an honour to the rich, and a support and comfort to old age.

To acquire knowledge is one of the most material duties of the young, and in proportion as they attend to instruction shall be their usefulness in life.

Service of God.



—Then I will read and pray,
While I have life and breath,
Lest I should be cut off to-day,
And sent to t' eternal death.

Service of God.

He who serves God hath the best master in the world.

My son, know thou the God of thy fathers; and serve him with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind. If thou seek him he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

Dishonesty.



'Tis a foolish self-deceiving
By such tricks to hope for gain :
All that's ever got by thieving,
Turns to sorrow, shame, and pain.

Dishonesty.

Honesty is the best policy.

Between robbing and restoring men commonly get thirty in the hundred.

If thou wouldst prosper in this world, and avoid punishment in the next, be upright and honest in thy dealings with mankind.

Hope.



Hope, like a cordial, innocent,
though strong,
Man's heart, at once, inspirits and
serenes.

Hope.

From fear proceedeth
misfortune ; but he that
hopeth, helpeth himself.

In all thy undertakings
let a reasonable assurance
animate thy endeavours ;
if thou dispairest of suc-
cess thou shalt not suc-
ceed.



Duty to Parents.



Let children that would fear the
Lord,
Hear what their teachers say ;
With rev'ence meet their parent's
word,
And with delight obey.

Duty to Parents.

Honour thy father with thy whole heart, and forget not the sorrows of thy mother; how canst thou recompense them the things that they have done for thee.



Indolence.



For sluggards' brow the laurel never
grows,
Renown is not the child of indolent
repose.

Indolence.

He that does not rise early never does a good day's work.

He that lies in bed all a summer's morning, loses the chief pleasure of the day : he that gives up his youth to indolence undergoes a loss of the same kind.

Gratitude.



One act, that from a thankful heart
proceeds,
Excels ten thousand mercenary
deeds.

Gratitude.

Wherever I find a great deal of gratitude in a poor man, I take it for granted there would be as much generosity if he were a rich man.



Evil Company.



Away from fools I'll turn my eyes,
Nor with the scoffers go ;
I would be walking with the wise,
That wiser I may grow.

Evil Company.

Tell me what company you keep, and I will tell you what you are.

Avoid the company of the wicked, but when you meet with a virtuous man draw his picture.



Passion.



—Children, you should never
let,
Such angry passions rise;
Your little hands were never made
To tear each others eyes.

Passion.

When either side grows warm in argument the wisest man gives over first.

Nothing is so inconsistent with self-possession as anger. It overpowers reason confounds our ideas, distorts the appearance, and blackens the colour of every object.

Early Rising.



Early to bed, and early to rise,
Makes a man healthy, wealthy, and
wise.

Early Rising.

The less a man sleeps,
the more he lives.

This maxim cannot be too forcibly impressed on the minds of youth; as diligence and a proper application of time is one of their most imperious duties.

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