

First come, first served

Meaning:-

The first in line will be attended to first.

Eat to live, but do not live to eat

Meaning:-

Man was created for a divine purpose and he has a destiny with his Creator - he was not born just to enjoy food.

Don't put all your eggs in one basket

Meaning:-

One should not risk everything he has in a single venture.

A rolling stone gathers no moss

Meaning:-

A person who never settles in one place or who often changes his job will not succeed in life ; one who is always changing his mind will never get anything done.

Where there's a will there's a way

Meaning:-

When a person really wants to do something, he will find a way of doing it.

Every cloud has a silver lining

Meaning:-

If you say that every cloud has a silver lining, you mean that every sad or unpleasant situation has a positive side to it. If you talk about silver lining you are talking about something positive that comes out of a sad or unpleasant situation.

Aman is as old as he feels

Meaning:-

A person's age is immaterial - it is only when he thinks and feels that he is ageing that he actually becomes old.

Faint heart never won fair lady

Meaning:-

To succeed in life one must have the courage to pursue what he wants.

Charity begins at home

Meaning:-

A person's first obligation should be to help the member of his own family before he can begin thinking of talking about helping others.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing

Meaning:-

A small amount of knowledge can mislead people into thinking that they are more expert than they really are.

An idle brain is the devil's workshop

Meaning:-

One who has nothing to do will be tempted to do many mischievous acts.

An ounce of discretion is worth a pound of wit

Meaning:-

It is better to be careful and discrete than to be clever.

A picture is worth a thousand words

Meaning:-

A picture tells a story just as well as a large amount of descriptive text.

A proverb (from [Latin](#) : proverbium) is a simple and concrete [saying](#) , popularly known and repeated, that expresses a truth based on common sense or the practical experience of humanity. They are often

[metaphorical](#)

. A proverb that describes a basic rule of conduct may also be known as a

[maxim](#)

The study of proverbs is called **paremiology** (from [Greek](#) *παροιμία* - *paroimía*, "proverb, maxim, saw" [1]

) and can be dated back as far as

[Aristotle](#)

[Paremiography](#)

A proverb is a short, generally known sentence of the folk which contains wisdom, truth, morals, and traditional views in a metaphorical, fixed and memorable form and which is handed down from generation to generation.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Proverb>

## Sudanese proverb

The popular proverbs in Sudan are regarded as a principal expressive of the mode and experience of the Sudanese Arabic character, glory, power, pride, hospitality ,defeat and etc.