

Cliches From The Bible

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1. A dog returns to its own vomit.		
But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."	2 Peter	2:22
2. A house divided against itself will not stand. United we stand, divided we fall.		
But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.	Matthew	12:25
And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.	Mark	3:25
But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls.	Luke	11:17
3. A little bird told me.		
Do not curse the king, even in your thought; do not curse the rich, even in your bedroom; for a bird of the air may carry your voice, and a bird in flight may tell the matter.	Ecclesiastes	10:20
4. A soft answer turns away wrath		
A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.	Proverbs	15:1
5. All things must pass.		
And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.	Matthew	24:6-8
6. All you have to do is ask. Ask and you will receive.		
For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.	Matthew	7:8
And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.	Matthew	21:22
Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.	Mark	11:24
For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.	Luke	11:10
Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.	John	16:24
And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.	1 John	3:22
7. Alpha and Omega		
And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."	Revelation	21:6-8
"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."	Revelation	1:8
I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."	Revelation	1:10-11
"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."	Revelation	22:12-13
8. Am I my brother's keeper?		
Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"	Genesis	4:9
9. Apple of his eye		
He found him in a desert land and in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye.	Deuteronomy	32:10
Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me under the shadow of Your wings, from the wicked who oppress me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.	Psalms	17:8-9
Keep my commands and live, and my law as the apple of your eye.	Proverbs	7:2

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For thus says the LORD of hosts: "He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye."	Zechariah	2:8
10. As old as the hills		
Are you the first man who was born? Or were you made before the hills?	Job	15:7
11. At his wits' end		
They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.	Psalms	107:27
12. Babble Babel		
"... Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.	Genesis	11:7-9
13. Be that as it may		
But be that as it may, I did not burden you. Nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you by cunning!	2 Corinthians	12:16
14. Bear with me		
Bear with me a little, and I will show you that there are yet words to speak on God's behalf.	Job	36:2
Bear with me that I may speak, and after I have spoken, keep mocking.	Job	21:3
Oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly-and indeed you do bear with me.	2 Corinthians	11:1
15. Beat their swords into plowshares		
He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.	Isaiah	2:4
He shall judge between many peoples, and rebuke strong nations afar off; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.	Micah	4:3
16. Beside yourself Beside ourselves		
But they said to her, "You are beside yourself!" Yet she kept insisting that it was so. So they said, "It is his angel."	Acts	12:15
Now as he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you are beside yourself! Much learning is driving you mad!"	Acts	26:24
For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for you.	2 Corinthians	5:13
17. Better to keep your mouth shut and let everyone think you're a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt.		
A prudent man conceals knowledge, but the heart of fools proclaims foolishness.	Proverbs	12:23
Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; when he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive.	Proverbs	17:28
18. Bite the dust		
Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him, and His enemies will lick the dust.	Psalms	72:9
19. Blind leading the blind		
They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.	Matthew	15:14
Can the blind lead the blind?	Luke	6:39
20. Brood of vipers		
But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"	Matthew	3:7
Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell?	Matthew	23:33
Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.	Matthew	12:34
Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"	Luke	3:7
21. By the skin of your teeth		
My bone clings to my skin and to my flesh, and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.	Job	19:20

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22. Cast your bread upon the waters.		
Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days.	Ecclesiastes	11: 1
23. Change your spots		
Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Then may you also do good who are accustomed to do evil.	Jeremiah	13:23
24. Choose your friends carefully.		
Tell me who your friends are and I'll tell you who you are.		
He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed.	Proverbs	13:20
The righteous should choose his friends carefully, for the way of the wicked leads them astray.	Proverbs	12:26
25. Could have been there and back by now		
For if we had not lingered, surely by now we would have returned this second time.	Genesis	43: 10
26. Crystal clear		
And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.	Revelation	22: 1
And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.	Revelation	21: 10-11
27. Den of thieves		
Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of thieves in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen it," says the LORD.	Jeremiah	7: 11
And He said to them, "It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a "den of thieves."	Matthew	21: 13
Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it a "den of thieves."	Mark	11: 17
Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it, saying to them, "It is written, "My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a "den of thieves."	Luke	19:45-46
28. Desperate/dire straits		
You shall eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and your daughters whom the LORD your God has given you, in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you.	Deuteronomy	28: 53
The sensitive and very refined man among you will be hostile toward his brother, toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the rest of his children whom he leaves behind, so that he will not give any of them the flesh of his children whom he will eat, because he has nothing left in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates.	Deuteronomy	28: 54-55
The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground because of her delicateness and sensitivity, will refuse to the husband of her bosom, and to her son and her daughter, her placenta which comes out from between her feet and her children whom she bears; for she will eat them secretly for lack of everything in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates.	Deuteronomy	28: 56-57
Judah has gone into captivity, under affliction and hard servitude; she dwells among the nations, she finds no rest; all her persecutors overtake her in dire straits.	Lamentations	1: 3
29. Do as I say, not as I do.		
Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do."	Matthew	23: 1-3
30. Do not cast your pearls before swine.		
Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.	Matthew	7: 6
31. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.		
And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.	Luke	6: 31
32. Don't know the half of it		
However I did not believe the words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard.	1 Kings	10: 7

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33. Doubting Thomas		
Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."	John	20:24-25
34. Drop in the bucket		
Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket and are counted as the small dust in the scales;	Isaiah	40:15
35. Ears are tingling		
Then the LORD said to Samuel: "Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle.	1 Samuel	3:11
therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel: "Behold, I am bringing such calamity upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whoever hears of it, both his ears will tingle.	2 Kings	21:12
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And go out to the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of the Potsherd Gate; and proclaim there the words that I will tell you, and say, "Hear the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will bring such a catastrophe on this place, that whoever hears of it, his ears will tingle.	Jeremiah	19:2-3
36. Eat until it comes out your nostrils		
You shall eat, not one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days, but for a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you, because you have despised the LORD who is among you, and have wept before Him, saying, "Why did we ever come up out of Egypt?"	Numbers	11:19-20
37. Eat, drink, and be merry.		
So I commended enjoyment, because a man has nothing better under the sun than to eat, drink, and be merry; for this will remain with him in his labor all the days of his life which God gives him under the sun.	Ecclesiastes	8:15
I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?"	Luke	12:18-20
38. Evil company corrupts		
Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."	1 Corinthians	15:33
39. Eye for an eye		
But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.	Exodus	21:23-25
If a man causes disfigurement of his neighbor, as he has done, so shall it be done to him - fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he has caused disfigurement of a man, so shall it be done to him.	Leviticus	24:19-20
Your eye shall not pity: life shall be for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.	Deuteronomy	19:21
You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'	Matthew	5:38
40. Eyes wide open		
The utterance of him who hears the words of God, who sees the vision of the Almighty, who falls down, with eyes wide open...	Numbers	24:4
The utterance of him who hears the words of God, and has the knowledge of the Most High, who sees the vision of the Almighty, who falls down, with eyes wide open...	Numbers	24:16
41. Face to face		
So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."	Genesis	32:30
So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.	Exodus	33:11
I speak with him face to face, even plainly, and not in dark sayings; and he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against My servant Moses?	Numbers	12:8

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And Moses said to the LORD: "Then the Egyptians will hear it, for by Your might You brought these people up from among them, and they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that You, LORD, are among these people; that You, LORD, are seen face to face and Your cloud stands above them, and You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night. ..."	Numbers	14: 13-14
The LORD talked with you face to face on the mountain from the midst of the fire.	Deuteronomy	5:4-14
But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, in all the signs and wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land, and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.	Deuteronomy	34: 10-12
Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the LORD. So Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord GOD! For I have seen the Angel of the LORD face to face."	Judges	6:22
For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, "Why do you prophesy and say, 'Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; and Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape from the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him face to face, and see him eye to eye; then he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there he shall be until I visit him," says the LORD; "though you fight with the Chaldeans, you shall not succeed" ' ? "	Jeremiah	32:3-5
And you shall not escape from his hand, but shall surely be taken and delivered into his hand; your eyes shall see the eyes of the king of Babylon, he shall speak with you face to face, and you shall go to Babylon.	Jeremiah	34:3
And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will plead My case with you face to face.	Ezekiel	20:35
To them I answered, "It is not the custom of the Romans to deliver any man to destruction before the accused meets the accusers face to face, and has opportunity to answer for himself concerning the charge against him."	Acts	25:16
For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.	1 Corinthians	13:12
Having many things to write to you, I did not wish to do so with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.	2 John	1:12
I had many things to write, but I do not wish to write to you with pen and ink; but I hope to see you shortly, and we shall speak face to face. Peace to you. Our friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.	3 John	1:13-14
42. Fall from grace		
You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.	Galatians	5:4
43. Fat of the land		
Bring your father and your households and come to me; I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the fat of the land.	Genesis	45:18
44. Feet of clay		
Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.	Daniel	2:41-44
45. Fight a good fight.		
Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.	1 Timothy	6:12
I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.	2 Timothy	4:7
46. Figure of speech		
These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father.	John	16:25
His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God."	John	16:29-30

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47. Flew off the handle		
But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, master! For it was borrowed." (explained as "the axe head flew off the handle")	2 Kings	6: 5
48. Fly like an eagle		
Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away like an eagle toward heaven.	Proverbs	23:5
Behold, He shall come up and fly like the eagle, And spread His wings over Bozrah; the heart of the mighty men of Edom in that day shall be Like the heart of a woman in birth pangs.	Jeremiah	49:22
For thus says the LORD: "Behold, one shall fly like an eagle, And spread his wings over Moab."	Jeremiah	48:40
Their horses also are swifter than leopards, And more fierce than evening wolves. Their chargers charge ahead; Their cavalry comes from afar; they fly as the eagle that hastens to eat.	Habakkuk	1:8
49. For everything there is a season.		
To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven...	Ecclesiastes	3: 1
50. Forbidden fruit		
Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."	Genesis	2: 15-17
51. Four corners of the earth		
He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And gather together the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth.	Isaiah	11: 12
After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.	Revelation	7: 1
Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.	Revelation	20: 7-8
52. Full of hot air		
"Should a wise man answer with empty knowledge, And fill himself with the east wind?" (<i>note: the "east wind" refers to the scorching wind from the dessert</i>)	Job	15:2
53. Give up the ghost		
And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost. (KJV)	Acts	12:23
54. Go the extra mile.		
And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.	Matthew	5:41
55. Good for nothing		
"It is good for nothing," cries the buyer; but when he has gone his way, then he boasts.	Proverbs	20: 14
"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men."	Matthew	5: 13
56. Good Samaritan		
But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.	Luke	10:33
57. Good steward		
And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has."	Luke	12:42-44
58. He is out of His mind.		
But when His own people heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, "He is out of His mind."	Mark	3:21
59. He who is not with me is against me.		
He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.	Matthew	12: 30
He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.	Luke	11:23

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60. He who lives by the sword, shall die by the sword.		
But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword."	Matthew	26: 52
He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.	Revelation	13: 10
61. Head and shoulders above the rest		
And he had a choice and handsome son whose name was Saul. There was not a more handsome person than he among the children of Israel. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people.	1 Samuel	9: 2
So they ran and brought him from there; and when he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward.	1 Samuel	10: 23
62. Head for the hills!		
"Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains."	Matthew	24: 15-16
"So when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains."	Mark	13: 14
Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her.	Luke	21: 21
63. Heart of stone		
His heart is as hard as stone, Even as hard as the lower millstone.	Job	41: 24
Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh,	Ezekiel	11: 19
I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.	Ezekiel	36: 26
64. Here a little, there a little.		
*d For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little.	Isaiah	28: 10
*d But the word of the LORD was to them, "Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little," That they might go and fall backward, and be broken And snared and caught.	Isaiah	28: 13
65. His day is coming.		
The Lord laughs at him, for He sees that his day is coming. The wicked have drawn the sword and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, to slay those who are of upright conduct. Their sword shall enter their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.	Psalms	37: 14
66. How the mighty have fallen!		
The beauty of Israel is slain on your high places! How the mighty have fallen!	2 Samuel	1: 19
How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle!	2 Samuel	1: 25
How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!	2 Samuel	1: 27
67. I know where you live!		
But I know your dwelling place, your going out and your coming in, and your rage against Me.	Isaiah	37: 28
68. I was only joking.		
Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death, is the man who deceives his neighbor, and says, "I was only joking!"	Proverbs	26: 18-19
69. I wasn't born yesterday. Were you born yesterday?		
For we were born yesterday, and know nothing, because our days on earth are a shadow.	Job	8: 9
70. It is better to give than receive.		
I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."	Acts	20: 35
71. Jot or tittle		
For assuredly I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.	Matthew	5: 18

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And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail.	Luke	16: 17
72. Kiss of death		
Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him."	Matthew	26:48
Now His betrayer had given them a signal, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him and lead Him away safely."	Mark	14:44
But Jesus said to him, "Judas are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"	Luke	22:48
73. Lamb to the slaughter		
He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.	Isaiah	53:7
But I was like a docile lamb brought to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had devised schemes against me, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be remembered no more."	Jeremiah	11:19
"I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with male goats.	Jeremiah	51:40
74. Land o'Goshen!		
*f And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. "Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph: "God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry. You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you and your children, your children's children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have. There I will provide for you, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty; for there are still five years of famine."	Genesis	45:7-11
*f [There are many more references]		
75. Lay in wait		
When the Gazites were told, "Samson has come here!" they surrounded the place and lay in wait for him all night at the gate of the city. They were quiet all night, saying, "In the morning, when it is daylight, we will kill him."	Judges	16:2
So Abimelech and all the people who were with him rose by night, and lay in wait against Shechem in four companies.	Judges	9:34
So he took his people, divided them into three companies, and lay in wait in the field. And he looked, and there were the people, coming out of the city; and he rose against them and attacked them.	Judges	9:43
And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and lay in wait in the valley.	1 Samuel	15:5
Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles of the heavens. They pursued us on the mountains and lay in wait for us in the wilderness.	Lamentations	4:19
And when it was told me that the Jews lay in wait for the man, I sent him immediately to you, and also commanded his accusers to state before you the charges against him. Farewell.	Acts	23:30
76. Left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing		
But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.	Matthew	6:3-4
77. Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!		
But instead, joy and gladness, Slaing oxen and killing sheep, Eating meat and drinking wine: "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!"	Isaiah	22:13
If, in the manner of men, I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage is it to me? If the dead do not rise, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!"	1 Corinthians	15:32
78. Like mother like daughter		
Indeed everyone who quotes proverbs will use this proverb against you: 'Like mother, like daughter!'	Ezekiel	16:44
79. Like the wind		
But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.	Isaiah	64:6
80. Love covers a multitude of sins.		
...love covers all sins.	Proverbs	10:12
And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."	1 Peter	4:8

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81. Lying lips		
Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips and from a deceitful tongue.	Psalms	120:2
Let the lying lips be put to silence, which speak insolent things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.	Psalms	31:18
Excellent speech is not becoming to a fool, much less lying lips to a prince.	Proverbs	17:7
Whoever hides hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander is a fool.	Proverbs	10:18
Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who deal truthfully are His delight.	Proverbs	12:22
82. Make examples of them		
But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.	1 Corinthians	10:5-6
83. Man after my own heart		
The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.	1 Samuel	13:14
84. Man can not live on bread alone.		
So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.	Deuteronomy	8:3
85. Man the fort. Hold the fort.		
He who scatters has come up before your face. Man the fort! Watch the road! Strengthen your flanks! Fortify your power mightily.	Nahum	2:1
86. Many are called, but few are chosen.		
For many are called, but few are chosen.	Matthew	22:14
So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.	Matthew	20:16
87. Money is the root of all evil.		
For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.	1 Timothy	6:10
88. No one can serve two masters.		
"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."	Matthew	6:24
"No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."	Luke	16:13
89. No rest for the wicked		
But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."	Isaiah	57:20-21
90. No room at the inn		
And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.	Luke	2:7
91. No small profit		
For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Diana, brought no small profit to the craftsmen.	Acts	19:24
92. Not even a peep		
My hand has found like a nest the riches of the people, and as one gathers eggs that are left, I have gathered all the earth; and there was no one who moved his wing, nor opened his mouth with even a peep.	Isaiah	10:14
93. O you of little faith		
But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you have brought no bread?"	Matthew	16:8
But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.	Matthew	8:26
Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?"	Matthew	6:30

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And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"	Matthew	14:31
If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith?	Luke	12:28
94. On the one hand ... on the other hand		
For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.	Hebrews	7:18-19
95. One way or another		
For God may speak in one way, or in another, Yet man does not perceive it.	Job	33:14
96. Out of the mouth of babes		
Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger.	Psalms	8:2
But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, "Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise'?"	Matthew	21:15-16
97. Physician, heal thyself.		
He said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.'"	Luke	4:23
98. Played the fool		
*g Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Return, my son David. For I will harm you no more, because my life was precious in your eyes this day. Indeed I have played the fool and erred exceedingly."	1 Samuel	26:21
99. Prophet without honor		
So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house."	Matthew	13:57
But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."	Mark	6:4
For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.	John	4:44
100. Put his house in order		
*b Now when Ahithophel saw that his advice was not followed, he saddled a donkey, and arose and went home to his house, to his city. Then he put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died; and he was buried in his father's tomb.	2 Samuel	17:23
101. Put your hand over your mouth		
Look at me and be astonished; put your hand over your mouth.	Job	21:5
102. Put your hand over your mouth		
And they said to him, "Be quiet, put your hand over your mouth, and come with us; be a father and a priest to us. Is it better for you to be a priest to the household of one man, or that you be a priest to a tribe and a family in Israel?"	Judges	18:19
103. Raising cain		
Summary: Adam raised a son named Cain who had a troublesome relationship with his family. He eventually killed his brother Abel.	Genesis	4:1-8
104. Red sky at night, sailors delight; red sky at morning, sailors take warning.		
He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times."	Matthew	16:2-3
105. Rise and shine!		
Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.	Isaiah	60:1
106. Risked their own necks		
Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.	Romans	16:3-4

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107. Root of the matter	
If you should say, "How shall we persecute him?'"- Since the root of the matter is found in me, be afraid of the sword for yourselves; for wrath brings the punishment of the sword, that you may know there is a judgment."	Job 19:28-29
108. Salt of the earth	
You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.	Matthew 5:13
109. Scales have fallen from my eyes	
Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.	Acts 9:18
110. See eye to eye	
Your watchmen shall lift up their voices, with their voices they shall sing together; for they shall see eye to eye when the LORD brings back Zion.	Isaiah 52:8
... and Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape from the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him face to face, and see him eye to eye;	Jeremiah 32:4
111. See through a glass, darkly	
*e For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. (KJV)	1 Corinthians 13:12
112. Shake the dust off your feet.	
And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet.	Matthew 10:14
And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!"	Mark 6:11
And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them."	Luke 9:5
113. Slow to anger	
They refused to obey, and they were not mindful of Your wonders that You did among them. But they hardened their necks, and in their rebellion they appointed a leader to return to their bondage. But You are God, ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abundant in kindness, and did not forsake them.	Nehemiah 9:17
The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.	Psalms 103:8
The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy.	Psalms 145:8
The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, and his glory is to overlook a transgression.	Proverbs 19:11
A wrathful man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger allays contention.	Proverbs 15:18
He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.	Proverbs 16:32
So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm.	Joel 2:13
So he prayed to the LORD, and said, "Ah, LORD, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm.	Jonah 4:2
The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked. The LORD has His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet.	Nahum 1:3
114. So to speak	
Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.	Hebrews 7:9-10
115. Sour grapes	
In those days they shall say no more: "The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.?" But every one shall die for his own iniquity; every man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.	Jeremiah 31:29-30
What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying: 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'?	Ezekiel 18:2

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116. Spare the rod, spoil the child.		
He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly.	Proverbs	13:24
117. Spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.		
Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.	Matthew	26:41
Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.	Mark	14:38
118. Stand in the gap. Mind the gap. Bridge the gap.		
So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.	Ezekiel	22:30
119. Stiff neck		
Take this Book of the Law, and put it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there as a witness against you; for I know your rebellion and your stiff neck. If today, while I am yet alive with you, you have been rebellious against the LORD, then how much more after my death?	Deuteronomy	31:26-27
Nevertheless they would not hear, but stiffened their necks, like the necks of their fathers, who did not believe in the LORD their God.	2 Kings	17:14
And he also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear an oath by God; but he stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to the LORD God of Israel.	2 Chronicles	36:13
... Yet they acted proudly, and did not heed Your commandments, but sinned against Your judgments, 'Which if a man does, he shall live by them.' And they shrugged their shoulders, stiffened their necks, and would not hear.	Nehemiah	9:29
I said to the boastful, "Do not deal boastfully," and to the wicked, "Do not lift up the horn. Do not lift up your horn on high; do not speak with a stiff neck."	Psalms	75:4
Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will bring on this city and on all her towns all the doom that I have pronounced against it, because they have stiffened their necks that they might not hear My words."	Jeremiah	19:15
But they did not obey nor incline their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear nor receive instruction.	Jeremiah	17:23
Yet they did not obey Me or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck. They did worse than their fathers.	Jeremiah	7:26
120. Stood in the breach		
Therefore He said that He would destroy them, Had not Moses His chosen one stood before Him in the breach, To turn away His wrath, lest He destroy them.	Psalms	106:23
121. Strain out a gnat and swallow a camel		
Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!	Matthew	23:24
122. Such and such		
So David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has ordered me on some business, and said to me, "Do not let anyone know anything about the business on which I send you, or what I have commanded you.' And I have directed my young men to such and such a place."	1 Samuel	21:2
Now Absalom would rise early and stand beside the way to the gate. So it was, whenever anyone who had a lawsuit came to the king for a decision, that Absalom would call to him and say, "What city are you from?" And he would say, "Your servant is from such and such a tribe of Israel."	2 Samuel	15:2
Now the king of Syria was making war against Israel; and he consulted with his servants, saying, "My camp will be in such and such a place."	2 Kings	6:8
Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.	James	4:13-14
123. The work is plentiful but the laborers are few.		
Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."	Matthew	9:37-38
124. There is nothing new under the sun.		
That which has been is what will be, that which is done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. Is there anything of which it may be said, "See, this is new"? It has already been in ancient times before us. There is no remembrance of former things.	Ecclesiastes	1:9-11

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125. Thorn in the flesh		
And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.	2 Corinthians	12:7
126. Throw the first stone		
So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first."	John	8:7
127. Thus and so		
He said to them, "Thus and so Micah did for me. He has hired me, and I have become his priest."	Judges	18:4
Then Hushai said to Zadok and Abiathar the priests, "Thus and so Ahithophel advised Absalom and the elders of Israel, and thus and so I have advised. Now therefore, send quickly and tell David, saying, 'Do not spend this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily cross over, lest the king and all the people who are with him be swallowed up.'"	2 Samuel	17:15-16
128. Thus and thus		
Now the LORD had said to Ahijah, "Here is the wife of Jeroboam, coming to ask you something about her son, for he is sick. Thus and thus you shall say to her; for it will be, when she comes in, that she will pretend to be another woman."	1 Kings	14:5
And Naaman went in and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus said the girl who is from the land of Israel."	2 Kings	5:4
And they said, "A lie! Tell us now." So he said, "Thus and thus he spoke to me, saying, "Thus says the LORD: "I have anointed you king over Israel.'""	2 Kings	9:12
129. Truth will set you free.		
And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.	John	8:32
130. Turn the other cheek.		
But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.	Matthew	5:39
To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also.	Luke	6:29
131. Turned on their heels		
So David's young men turned on their heels and went back; and they came and told him all these words.	1 Samuel	25:12
132. Two heads are better than one.		
Without counsel, plans go awry, but in the multitude of counselors they are established.	Proverbs	15:22
133. Under the shadow of your wings		
Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings, from the wicked who oppress me, From my deadly enemies who surround me.	Psalms	17:8-9
134. Voice of one crying in the wilderness		
The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God."	Isaiah	40:3
135. Wages of sin is death.		
For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.	Romans	6:23
136. What ails you?		
And God heard the voice of the lad. Then the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said to her, "What ails you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is. Arise, lift up the lad and hold him with your hand, for I will make him a great nation."	Genesis	21:17-18
And they called out to the children of Dan. So they turned around and said to Micah, "What ails you, that you have gathered such a company?" So he said, "You have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and you have gone away. Now what more do I have? How can you say to me, "What ails you?""	Judges	18:23-24
What ails you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?	Psalms	114:5
The burden against the Valley of Vision. What ails you now, that you have all gone up to the housetops, you who are full of noise, a tumultuous city, a joyous city? Your slain men are not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle.	Isaiah	22:1-2
137. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.		
*a For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.	Matthew	6:21

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*a For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.	Luke	12:34
138. Who do you make yourself out to be?		
Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?	John	8:53
139. Who do you think you are?		
“Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?”	John	8:53
140. With you in spirit		
For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.	Colossians	2:5
141. Woe is me.		
Woe is me, that I dwell in Meshech, That I dwell among the tents of Kedar!	Psalms	120:5
So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts."	Isaiah	6:5
You said, "Woe is me now! For the LORD has added grief to my sorrow. I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest."	Jeremiah	45:3
Woe is me, my mother, that you have borne me, a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent for interest, nor have men lent to me for interest. Every one of them curses me.	Jeremiah	15:10
Woe is me for my hurt! My wound is severe. But I say, "Truly this is an infirmity, and I must bear it."	Jeremiah	10:19
For I have heard a voice as of a woman in labor, the anguish as of her who brings forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion bewailing herself; she spreads her hands, saying, "Woe is me now, for my soul is weary because of murderers!"	Jeremiah	4:31
Woe is me! For I am like those who gather summer fruits, like those who glean vintage grapes; there is no cluster to eat of the first-ripe fruit which my soul desires.	Micah	7:1
For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!	1 Corinthians	9:16
142. Wolf in sheep's clothing		
Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.	Matthew	7:15
143. Writing is on the wall.		
In the same hour the fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.	Daniel	5:5
144. Written in stone		
And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.	Exodus	31:18
And you shall write very plainly on the stones all the words of this law.	Deuteronomy	27:8
Then the LORD delivered to me two tablets of stone written with the finger of God, and on them were all the words which the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.	Deuteronomy	9:10
And there, in the presence of the children of Israel, he wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written.	Joshua	8:32
But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?	2 Corinthians	3:7-8
He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.	Revelation	2:17
145. You reap what you sow.		
Even as I have seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same.	Job	4:8
Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.	Galatians	6:7
146. You've only heard one side of the story.		
The first one to plead his cause seems right, until his neighbor comes and examines him.	Proverbs	18:17