

Old English Sentences with Meanings

Old English Sentence	Modern English Meaning
God sende thee good lif.	May God give you a good life.
He cometh not by might but by right.	Success comes with fairness, not force.
Ne do thyself harm.	Don't hurt yourself.
Who soweth mischief reaps sorrow.	Bad actions bring bad results.
All that glitters is not gold.	Not everything beautiful is valuable.
Time is swift and days flee.	Time passes quickly.
He that hath a tongue, let him speak.	Speak if you can.
A fool and his money are soon parted.	Careless people lose their wealth.
Honesty is the best policy.	Always tell the truth.
Haste makes waste.	Rushing leads to mistakes.
Many hands make light work.	Work is easier when shared.
Health is better than wealth.	Good health is more valuable than money.
The more, the merrier.	More people make things enjoyable.
By day, by night, the world goes round.	Life continues constantly.
Fortune favors the brave.	Bold actions bring success.
Slow and steady wins the race.	Patience leads to success.
A bird in hand is worth two in the bush.	It's better to keep what you have.
Every cloud has a silver lining.	There is good in every bad situation.
Little by little, the bird builds its nest.	Progress comes gradually.
Where there's a will, there's a way.	Determination overcomes obstacles.
The pen is mightier than the sword.	Writing can be more powerful than fighting.
Rome was not built in a day.	Great work takes time.

Medieval Proverbs with Meanings

Medieval Proverb	Modern English Meaning
A cat may look at a king.	Everyone has rights, no matter their status.
All is fair in love and war.	Rules may bend in love or battle.
A penny saved is a penny earned.	Saving money is as valuable as earning it.
An apple a day keeps the doctor away.	Healthy habits prevent illness.
Birds of a feather flock together.	People with similar interests stay together.
Do as you would be done by.	Treat others as you want to be treated.
Necessity is the mother of invention.	Hardship inspires creativity.
Empty vessels make the most noise.	Talkative people may know little.
Evil communications corrupt good manners.	Bad company harms your behavior.
Fortune favors the bold.	Brave people achieve more.
God helps those who help themselves.	Take action to succeed.
He who hesitates is lost.	Delay can ruin chances.
One man's meat is another man's poison.	People like different things.
The proof of the pudding is in the eating.	Results show the value of something.
Two heads are better than one.	Cooperation is effective.
Waste not, want not.	Don't waste resources.
You can't have your cake and eat it too.	You cannot enjoy two incompatible things.
A rolling stone gathers no moss.	People who move often avoid responsibilities.
Faint heart never won fair lady.	Courage leads to success.
Out of sight, out of mind.	Forget what you don't see.
The early bird catches the worm.	Those who start early succeed.
Look before you leap.	Think before acting.