



# *10 African Sayings That Will Make You Wiser*





# 1. “Only a fool tests the depth of a river with both feet.”

Translation:

Don't leap into a situation without first thinking about the consequences.



**2. “The best way to eat an elephant in your path is to cut him up into little pieces.”**

Translation:

The best way to solve a problem is to tackle it bit by bit, one step at a time.



### 3. “A roaring lion kills no game.”

Translation:

Sitting around and talking about something gains nothing. Work towards your goals quietly rather than bragging prematurely.



## 4. “Rain beats the leopard's skin but it does not wash out the spots.”

Translation:

No matter how hard you try, you cannot change another person's character.



## **5. “Do not call the forest that shelters you a jungle.”**

Translation:

Do not disrespect or insult someone who shares your burdens and responsibilities or who takes care of you.



## 6. “Do not look where you fell, but where you slipped.”

Translation:

Rather than dwelling on your mistake,  
look at what caused you to make the  
mistake.



## 7. “Even the best cooking pot will not produce food.”

Translation:

Having the best tools or resources is not enough; you need action and effort to make things happen.



## 8. “The lion does not turn around when a small dog barks.”

Translation:

Great leaders or strong people do not get distracted by insignificant challenges or criticisms.



## 9. “A single bracelet does not jingle.”

Translation:

One person alone cannot make much impact. It takes collaboration and unity for real success.



## 10. “The axe forgets, but the tree remembers.”

Translation:

The one who causes harm may forget, but the one who is harmed will always remember.