

So It Follows

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Genesis 3:14-24

Actions have consequences. Our proverbs tell us so. The proverb “A stitch in time saves nine” urges proactive action to ward off future troubles. The Swahili proverb “When two elephants fight, it is the grass that gets trampled” reminds us that others may be affected by our deeds. The Beninese proverb “Eggs don’t pick a fight with rocks” cautions one to accurately assess the situation before a confrontation.

Lack of action also has consequences. The Haitian proverb “A leaky roof can fool the sun, but not the rain” notes that eventually the truth of our procrastination to maintain will be known. The Irish proverb “If you do not sow in the spring, you will not reap in the autumn” echoes the Bible verse “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows” (Galatians 6:7).

Why have the proverbs endured from generation to generation? They teach us that we are responsible for decisions that impact not only our future, but the future of those connected to us.

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