Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you would have preferred to talk. Doug Larson.

A wise man learns by the experience of others. An ordinary man learns by his own experience. A fool learns by nobody's experience.
The best performing SEAL units had leaders who accepted responsibility for everything every mistake, every failure, or shortfall. Their best leaders checked their egos, accepted blame, sought out constructive criticism and took detailed notes for improvement. They exhibited extreme ownership and as a result their SEAL platoons and task units dominated. Those leaders would own it.
When a bad seal leader walked into a debrief and blamed everyone else, that attitude was picked up by subordinates and team members who then followed suit. They all blamed everyone else and inevitably the team was ineffective and unable to properly execute a plan.

Proverbs 16:28 A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends.

Proverbs 20:19
19 A gossip goes around telling secrets, so don’t hang around with chatters.

Proverbs 26:20
20 Fire goes out without wood, and quarrels disappear when gossip stops.
My name is Gossip. I have no respect for justice. I maim without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives. I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age. The more I am quoted, the more I am believed. I flourish at every level of society.

My victims are helpless. They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no face. To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive I become. I am nobodies friend. Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same. I topple governments, wreck marriages, and ruin careers -- cause sleepless nights, heartaches, and indigestion.
I spawn suspicion and generate grief. I make innocent people cry in their pillows. Even my name hisses I make headlines and headaches. Before you repeat a story, ask yourself, Is it true? Is it fair? Is it necessary? If not—shut up!

**Proverbs 6:6–8**
6 Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!
7 It has no commander, no overseer or ruler,
8 yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.

**Proverbs 20:13**
13 Do not love sleep or you will grow poor; stay awake and you will have food to spare.
Proverbs 20:4  
4 A sluggard does not plow in season; so at harvest time he looks but finds nothing.

Proverbs 12:24 Work hard and become a leader; be lazy and become a slave.

27 Lazy people don’t even cook the game they catch, but the diligent make use of everything they find.

Proverbs 1:23–33  
23 “Turn to my reproof, Behold, I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you.  
24 “Because I called and you refused, I stretched out my hand and no one paid attention;  
25 And you neglected all my counsel and did not want my reproof;

Proverbs 11:27 he who diligently seeks good seeks favor and grace, but he who seeks evil, evil will come to him.  
26 I will also laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your dread comes,

27 When your dread comes like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.  
28 “Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently but they will not find me,  
29 Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD.  
30 “They would not accept my counsel, they spurned all my reproof.  
31 “So they shall eat of the fruit of their own way and be satiated with their own devices.

1 Samuel 8:10 So Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. 11 He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them for himself to his
chariots and among his horsemen and they will run before his chariots.

12 He will appoint them for himself to be commanders over thousands and over fifties, and some to do his plowing and to reap his harvest and to make his implements of war and equipment for his chariots.

13 He will take your daughters to be perfumers, cooks, and bakers.

14 He will take the best of your fields, your vineyards, and your olive groves, and give them to his servants.

15 He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants.

16 He will take your male servants and your female servants and your best young men and your donkeys and use them for his work.

7 He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves shall be his servants.

18 Then you will cry out on that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not answer you on that day [because you have rejected Him as King].”

19 Nevertheless, the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel, and they said, “No, but there shall be a king over us, so that we too may be like all the nations [around us], that our king may judge [and govern] us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

1 Samuel 15
15 Samuel said to Saul, “The Lord sent me to anoint you king over His people Israel. Now listen and pay close attention to the words of the Lord. Now go and strike Amalek and completely destroy everything that they have;
do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.’”

7 Saul defeated the Amalekites, from Havilah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt. 8 He captured Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, though he totally destroyed all [the rest of] the people with the sword.

9 Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and everything that was good, and they were not willing to destroy them entirely; but everything that was undesirable or worthless they destroyed completely.

10 Then the word of the Lord came to Samuel, saying, 11 “I regret that I made Saul king, for he has turned away from following Me and has not carried out My commands.”

13 So Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, “Blessed are you of the Lord. I have carried out the command of the Lord.”

14 But Samuel said, “What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?”

18 and the Lord sent you on a mission, and said, ‘Go, totally destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are eliminated.’ 19 Why did you not obey the voice of the Lord, but [instead] swooped down on the plunder [with shouts of victory] and did evil in the sight of the Lord?”

20 Saul said to Samuel, “I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, and have gone on the mission on which the Lord sent me, and have brought back Agag the king of Amalek, and have completely destroyed the Amalekites. 21 But the people took some of the spoil, sheep
and oxen, the best of the things [that were] to be totally destroyed, to sacrifice to the Lord your God at Gilgal.” 22 Samuel said,

“Has the Lord as great a delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices
As in obedience to the voice of the Lord?
Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,
And to heed [is better] than the fat of rams.

23 “For rebellion is as [serious as] the sin of divination (fortune-telling),
And disobedience is as [serious as] false religion and idolatry.
Because you have rejected the word of the Lord,
He also has rejected [d]you as king.”

28 So Samuel said to him, “The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to your neighbor, who is better than you.

Fools refuse to listen to God and do what He says.

NO. LORD.
John 14:15 (NASB95)
15 “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

Proverbs 12:15
15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes...