UNIT 3 A COLOSSAL HOUSE

PROVERBS

Activity 4; explain the meaning of the following proverbs

1. Look before you leap
   - You shouldn't act without first considering the possible consequences or danger
2. A bird in hand is two worth in the bush
   - It is better to hold onto something one has than to risk losing it by trying to get something better.
3. Old is golden
   - Whatever is old is as important as gold. We should not think or brand anything old as a waste.
4. Patient pays
   - Good things come to those who wait.
5. A visitor is like river it flows
   - The arrival of the visitor meant a big meal of welcome, perhaps killing of chicken or a goat. All the local family members enjoyed the special meal with plenty of good food and drink.
6. Necessity introduces to one's self/necessity is the mother of invention
   - A need or problem forces people to come out with innovative solutions
7. A drawing man catches a straw
   - When someone is in a difficult situation, they will take any available opportunity to improve it.
8. A stitch in time saves nine
   - It's better to deal with problems immediately rather than wait by when they worsen and become much bigger.
9. Never put all your eggs in one basket
   - Don't put all your hopes and recourses into one goal or dream.
10. Don't judge a book by its cover
    - You can't form an opinion about someone or something from their outward appearance.
11. One scalp sheep spoils the whole flock
    - Negative behavior of a single person will spread to other people around them.

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