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| 1. You can please all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but you can't... | a) while the sun shines. |
| 2. Many hands make... | b) how you deal with it that counts. |
| 3. Rome wasn't built... | c) can only make you stronger. |
| 4. Life is a marathon, ... | d) a problem to be solved. |
| 5. It's not what happens to you in life but... | e) in a day. |
| 6. All good things come to... | f) you make it. |
| 7. Into each life... | g) a little rain must fall. |
| 8. You can't win... | h) either know to be useful or believe to be beautiful. |
| 9. Make hay... | i) nobody's watching. |
| 10. A change is... | j) the spice of life. |
| 11. Life is a mystery to be lived, not... | k) breaking some eggs. |
| 12. Dance like... | l) soonest mended. |
| 13. The best way to dispose of an enemy is to... | m) please all of the people all of the time. |
| 14. Least said... | n) not a sprint. |
| 15. Have nothing in your home that you do not... | o) 'em all! |
| 16. Whatever doesn't kill you... | p) light work. |
| 17. Variety is... | q) nothing gained. |
| 18. Nothing ventured, ... | r) as good as a rest. |
| 19. You can't make an omelette without... | s) become their friend. |
| 20. Life's what... | t) those who wait. |

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