Aphorisms from Ben Franklin's *Poor Richard's Almanac*

Read the following aphorisms, maxims, proverbs, statements of wit or sound advice. Choose ten (10) and using your own words, and an example to support your statement, explain what they mean.

- Ex: There are no gains without pains. *Some modern sports company has simplified this saying because its truth transcends the ages.* Quite simply, you will never achieve anything of value if you don't suffer a bit while attempting this feat. Whether it be sports, personal or financial relationships, academics, or even cooking this statement holds true.

- Diligence is the mother of good luck.
- God gives all things to industry.
- One today is worth two tomorrows.
- The wise man draws more advantage from his enemies than the fool from his friends.
- He that lives upon hope will die fasting.
- Nothing brings more pain than too much pleasure; nothing more bondage than too much liberty.
- Love your neighbor, yet don't pull down your hedge.
- What you would seem to be, be really.
- He that speaks much is much mistaken.
- Proclaim not all thou knoweth, all thou owest, all thou hast, nor all thou canst.
- Words may shew a man's wit but actions his meaning.
- He that lies down with dogs shall rise up with fleas.
- When there is marriage without love, there will be love without marriage.
- Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, half shut afterwards.
- Fish and visitors stink in three days.
- None preaches better than the ant, and she says nothing.
- He that composes himself is wiser than he that composes books.
- Tart words make no friends: a spoonful of honey will catch more flies than a gallon of vinegar.
- It is better to take many injuries than to give one.
- Many dishes, many diseases.
- 'Tis easier to prevent bad habits than to break them.
- He that scatters thorns, let him not go barefoot.
- If you desire many things, many things will seem but a few.
- He that falls in love with himself, will have no rivals.
- What is Serving God? 'Tis doing good to man.
- Speak little, do much.
- If you would be loved, love and be loveable.