

# **Poor Richard's Almanac**

But Franklin thrived on work. In 1733 he started publishing *Poor Richard's Almanack*. Almanacs of the era were printed annually, and contained things like weather reports, recipes, predictions and homilies. Franklin published his almanac under the guise of a man named Richard Saunders, a poor man who needed money to take care of his carping wife. What distinguished Franklin's almanac were his witty aphorisms and lively writing. Many of the famous phrases associated with Franklin, such as, "A penny saved is a penny earned" come from *Poor Richard*.

**"Eat to live, and not live to eat."**

**"Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise."**

**"The poor have little,  
Beggars none;  
The rich too much  
Enough not one."**

**"Work as if you were to live a hundred years,  
Pray as if you were to die tomorrow."**

**"Fish and visitors stink after three days."**

**"Well done is better than well said."**

**"He that speaks much, is much mistaken."**

**"Glass, China, and Reputation, are easily crack'd, and never well mended."**

**"Silence is not always a Sign of Wisdom, but Babbling is ever a folly."**

**"A good example is the best sermon."**

**"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."**

**"Beer is living proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy."**

**"A penny saved is a penny earned."**