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A lion used to prowl about a field in which four oxen used to dwell. Many a time he tried to attack them; but whenever he came near they turned their tails to one another, so that whichever way he approached them he was met by the horns of one of them. At last, however, they fell a-quarrelling among themselves, and each went off to pasture alone in a separate corner of the field. Then the lion attacked them one by one and soon made an end of all four. United we stand, divided we fall.

- Aesop  
“The Four Oxen and the Lion” (sixth century BC)

A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds, adored by little statesmen and philosophers and divines. With consistency a great soul has simply nothing to do. He may as well concern himself with his shadow on the wall ... I hope in these days we have heard the last of conformity and consistency. Let the words be gazetted and ridiculous henceforward.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson  
“Self-Reliance” (1841)

The first rule in this house is discipline.

- Captain von Trapp  
*The Sound of Music* (1965)