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Good day,

You are about to discover three amazing stories:

**1. Whose Job is It?**

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Three touching stories; very engaging. After the reading, we have experienced great jubilation. These treasures of wisdom delighted us. We bet they will also delight you.

Read them, ponder them and make a gift to your family, friends and colleagues. They will be amazed.





## Whose Job is It?

This is a story about four people named: **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**.

There was an important job to be done, and **Everybody** was asked to do it.

**Everybody** was sure **Somebody** would do it.

**Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it.

**Somebody** got angry about that, because it was **Everybody's** job.

**Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it.

It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody**; when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.

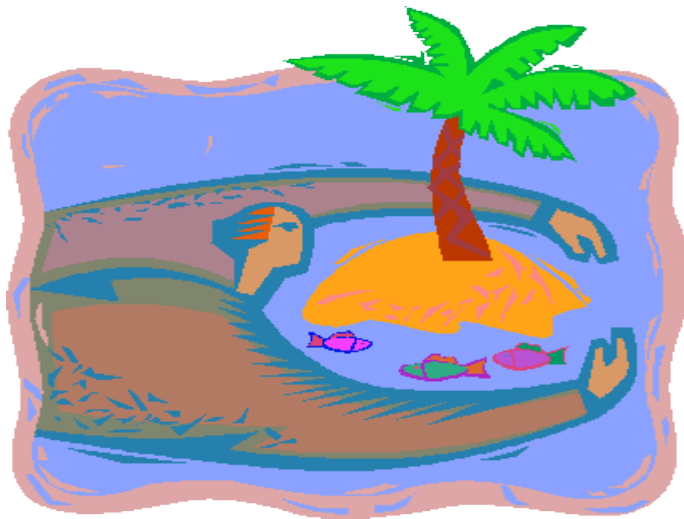
**Anonymous author** :)

“It is pleasant to value our job; as the work of some people eases... provides work for others.”

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## Sentiments in an Island

Once upon a time, there was an island where different sentiments and virtues were living together: Wealth, Pride, Sadness, Happiness, Knowledge, etc.; including Love. All were having good time, pampered by the love of Time.

One day, the inhabitants of the island were told that the island was about to sink. Therefore sentiments and virtues started to build their boat; they were making themselves ready to leave the island.

Only Love decided to stay. Love liked the island so much that he decided to stay. That is why he did not start to build his boat.

The preparations ended just when a powerful wind and a deluvial rain started. The island started to sink and Love decided to call aid.

Wealth was about to leave aboard his luxury boat, when Love told him: "Wealth, may I go with you?" And Wealth replied: "No because there are lot of money and gold on my boat. Sorry, I don't have place for you."

Love decided to ask to Pride, who was also about to leave aboard his magnificent boat: "Pride, help me I beg you! Let's go together." But Pride answered: "I can not help you, Love. You're all wet and you could damage my boat."

Sadness was also raising the anchor, Love asked him: "Sadness, let me come with you." And Sadness told him: "Ooh... Love, I am so sad that I need to be alone."

Happiness was also putting out to sea; Love called him, but Happiness was so happy that he did not hear Love calling him!

Suddenly, a soft voice sounded: "Come Love, I'll take you with me." It was an old man who had spoken. Love felt so grateful and full of joy that he forgot to ask the old man's name. When they arrived on land, the old man left.

Love realized how much he was grateful to that old man and asked to Knowledge:

"Who helped me?"

"It was Time." Knowledge replied.

"Time?" Love wondered. "But why Time helped me?"

Then Knowledge, full of wisdom, smiled and replied:

"Because only Time is able to understand how Love is important in life."

### **A story from Christian Boucher**

(We made few modifications)

«Oh time...»

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## Two Seeds

A successful businessman, who was growing old, knew it was time to choose a successor who will run the business. Instead of appointing one of his staff member, he decided to do something different.

He gathered all the staffs of his company and said: "It is time for me to step down and choose the next CEO. I have decided to choose one of you." The young executives were surprised, but their boss continued: "Today, I am going to give two seeds to each of you; two very special seeds... I want you to plant these seeds, water them, and come back next year with what will grow. I will then judge your plants, and the one who will display the best plant will be the next CEO."

That day, one man named Jim was there; he received also two seeds. Very excited, he went home and told the story to his wife. She helped him get a pot, some soil and compost; and Jim planted the two seeds; watering and watching the pot to see if the two seeds had grown.

After three weeks, some staff members began to talk about their seeds and how their plant was growing. Jim kept checking his pot, but nothing was growing.

Three weeks, four weeks, five weeks went by; still nothing. Day after day, others colleagues were talking about their plants. But Jim didn't have a plant to talk about. He had the bitter feeling that he failed.

Six months went by; still nothing in Jim's pot. He knew that the two seeds were death. Everyone else had a plant; but he had nothing. However, Jim didn't say anything to his colleagues. He just kept watering and fertilizing the soil; he really wanted the two seeds to grow.

Finally, a year went by; and all the staff members of that company brought their plants to the CEO for inspection.

Jim told his wife that he wasn't going to bring an empty pot. But she asked him to be honest and tell what happened. Jim felt uncomfortable, because it was going to be the most embarrassing moment of his life. But he knew that his wife was right. He took his empty pot to the board room.

When Jim arrived, he was amazed at the variety of plants grown by his colleagues. They were beautiful in all shapes, sizes and colors. Jim placed his empty pot on the floor, and many of his colleagues laughed. Few of them felt sorry for him...

The CEO arrived, he surveyed the room; greeted his young executives and said: "My God, what great plants you have grown!" "Today one of you will be appointed the next CEO!" Jim wanted to hide himself; he felt miserable.

All of a sudden, the boss spotted Jim at the back of the room with his empty pot. He ordered the financial director to bring him to the front. Jim was terrified. He thought: "The boss knows I'm a failure. Maybe he will fire me."

When Jim got to the front, the CEO asked him what had happened to his two seeds. Jim told him the story. The CEO asked everyone to sit down except Jim. He looked at Jim, and announced to the young executives: "Behold your next Chief Executive! His name is Jim!" Jim couldn't believe it.

"His seeds did not grow. How could he be the new CEO?» The other colleagues asked?

Then the CEO replied: "One year ago, I gave two seeds to everyone in this room. I told you to plant the seeds, water them, and bring them back to me today. But I gave boiled seeds to all of you; they were dead. It was not possible for them to grow. All of you, except Jim, have brought me plants and flowers. Actually, when you found that your two seeds were not growing, you substituted other seeds for those I gave you. Jim is the only one who has the courage and honesty to bring me a pot with my two seeds in it. Therefore, he is the one who will be the new Chief Executive!" And tenderly he added.

"My friends, listen very carefully and understand:

If you plant honesty, you will reap trust.

If you plant goodness, you will reap friends.

If you plant humility, you will reap greatness.

If you plant perseverance, you will reap contentment.

If you plant consideration, you will reap perspective.

If you plant hard work, you will reap success.

If you plant forgiveness, you will reap joy.

If you plant love, you will reap all good things; happiness.

Therefore, it is wise to be careful about what we plant now; because it will determine what we will reap later. Thank you for your attention.”

### **This story was sent to us by Mani**

(We made few changes)

If I have well understood: «People reap what they sow.»

Who said this: “Honesty pays.”

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