



Two Stories

Purpose

There are two men sharing the same hospital room. They both are suffering from kidneys problems. With little else to do, they start to chat to each other and get along very well.

During visiting hours, they both have visitors to see them. The first patient is visited by his wife who told him not worry about anything. "The household and the children are fine," she said. "Take your time to get better." The patient's boss also visited him and said the same thing, "Don't worry about anything and take all the time you need to recover." So he does not need to worry about anything.

The other patient lying next to him, he also had some visitors. However, his wife said to him, "You know, we don't have enough money. The children need money to go to school and we have a lot of bills that need paying." He does not have any friends who visit him and he has heard that he will lose his job if he cannot get back to work quickly. So he is worried about everything.

After two weeks, the patient who does not worry about anything dies! The one who had so much to worry about; he recovered and was discharged from the hospital.

The Birthday Party

There is a 100 year old man on his birthday party and all his family come to join the party. There are children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren....a big family all together. One of the grand children asked their 100 year old grand dad, "What is the most memorable event which you are most proud of in your life? Can you tell us?"

The grand father looked at the ceiling for awhile and replied, "There is no such event in my life that I am most proud of." Everybody in the party stopped talking as they were surprised at the answer.

Another great-grand daughter asked her great-grand father another question. "Great-grand dad, can you tell us what is most important day in your life?"

"Tomorrow," was his answer. And all the family in the party laughed but they also were surprised.

One of the grand sons stood up, a very successful and well known writer, asked the grand dad a question as well. "Grand-dad, who is your favourite grandchild?" Obviously, he wanted his grandfather to say it was him.

"All my grand children and great-grand children are my favourites. There is no one whom I do not like," he replied with a smile. Everyone in the party was impressed by the old man. After another twenty years, the old man happily passed away.

Conclusion

These two stories are different but the same in moral. We must have a purpose of life which keeps us going, no matter whether it is a hard or easy purpose. Generally,

the harder the task, the more inner strength we need to survive. Some people like to be rich and this is purpose. Some people like to be famous and this is their purpose.

Some people's purpose is to enjoy their lives. Some people's purpose is to improve themselves. Other's purpose is helping others and doing more good deeds or even saving the world. Whatever your purpose, you can keep you going but if we do more things for others, the result is not just our own but is beyond.

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