**Wise King and His Three Sons**

There once was a wise king that had become very old and sick and wasn’t going to make it too much longer. The king knew that he needed to think of which of his sons would take over the kingdom once he had passed. Traditionally the kingdom would be passed down to the oldest son however the King didn’t desire this and wanted to give each of his boys an equal opportunity to prove themselves to be worthy of becoming a King.

The king sat for many days thinking of what he could do or how he could challenge his sons in a way that would prove their worthiness. All at once the king had come up with quite the plan that he was most proud of and knew that it would help him to decide. The king summoned all of his workers and told them that they were to construct three massive storage sheds and units all the same for each boy.

Once the three massive building were constructed the king summoned his boys and said to them each of you are being given a shed along with $500 dollars. It is up to you to all go into the city and to purchase something you feel will fill your entire shed from top to bottom every nook and corner must be filled with whatever you find. The boys looking at one another as though their father has finally lost it and has dementia couldn’t believe that he would give them all a massive shed with only $500 dollars. None the less they all still wanted to become king so they all did as he said and set out into the city to find something to fill their shed with.

The first son walked around for all but an hour before he came across a massive water quarry where he noticed dump trucks were collecting hundreds of gallons of water and transporting the water to another part of the city. Upon seeing this the boy summoned his father and his brothers to his shed telling them that he was the smartest and fastest one to figure it out. As all of them gathered the oldest son called upon the dump trucks that he paid $500 dollars to bring in all the water they could. One truck after another came in and began to pour the hundreds of gallons into his shed. The shed began to fill quickly to a quarter of the way, half way three quarters of the way almost to the brim. When all of a sudden the water began to leak into the ground and out of the seams and seeped out to the point the shed was left barely full. The father looked at his son and said, “Sorry Son I cannot make you King as you didn’t fulfill the challenge.”

The next two brothers now were beyond elated knowing that their oldest brother was just eliminated. The middle brother now taking his time searched all over and talked to many people when all of a sudden he came across a rock quarry and immediately knew what he was going to purchase. He called upon his father and brothers to gather in front of his shed and told them that he was about to become the next king. As they all waited he called upon the dump trucks that were now hauling in the most massive boulders anyone had ever seen all $500 dollars spent on these rocks. The dump trucks poured in one boulder after another till the entire shed was completely fully. The son looked at the others and said, “I did it, I figured it out I shall be the new king.” The father however said not so fast and told them to wait till he returned. The father went back to the same quarry but this time came back with dump trucks filled with sand. The sand was then poured into the shed where it began to fill in all of the spaces between the boulders. The father looked at his second son and once again said, “I am Sorry Son I cannot make you King as you didn’t fulfill the challenge.”

This now left his youngest son to complete the challenge on his own. Knowing that he had all the time in the world as his other two brothers were already out he took his time walking the city and talking with the people. He walked around and talked to so many people that before he knew it the sun had went down and it was now getting quite dark out. He began to walk home still not knowing at all what he could buy to fill his room when all of a sudden it came to him just like that. He called up his father and brothers and said to meet him at his shed. As they did they were quite tired already but intrigued to see what he had come up with. The third and youngest son had a table set up in the middle of his shed where his oldest brother smirked and said clearly that doesn’t take up any space at all you clearly didn’t win. Why would you show us a table? The boy walked over to the table and set in the middle of it a candle stick. All at once the boy struck a match lit the candle and they all sat back and watch the room immediately light up from one corner the other from top to bottom. The third boy said I spent less than twenty dollars. The father looked in amazement and said, “Son you have figured it out and have successfully completed the challenge you shall become the new King when I pass.”

The father said to all of his boys “The most important lesson in life is to find a way to become the light in a dark room.” People follow those that learn to remain positive amongst all odds those that see the negative and can find a positive. Where there is negativity there is darkness and where there is darkness there lacks hope and prosperity, you must continue to grow and learn to become the light.