

The Generous Laxmiben



Once upon a time, a young man came looking for a job at a place called, Karnavatti in Gujarat. He did not find a job and what was worse was that there was no place to stay.



He was worried that his family would be cold and hungry that night. So he sat near a temple feeling very sorry for himself when a lady came by. She was Laxmiben and was known for her goodness. She stopped and looked at the young man,

"What is your name?",
she asked.

The man told her that his name was Uda.



Her face seemed so kind, so he told her that he had come to look for a job, but he had found nothing. The woman felt companionate towards him, so she called him and his family over and gave them a nice hot meal and a place to stay.



The young man found a job and managed to save some money. One day, he decided to improve the house he was staying in, so he decided to go to Laxmiben to ask her for permission.

"This is your house. You can do as you please."

said the generous Laxmiben.



While they were digging the house, Uda found something strange. It was a fabulous treasure that had been buried below the floor of the house. As Uda was an honest person, he went back to Laxmiben and showed her this immense fortune; after all the house was her's.



Laxmiben looked at the treasure and said,

"Son, you found the treasure in your house. The day you started living here the home was yours. Do as you please with this treasure."

Uda pleaded with her to take the treasure, but Laxmiben refused to accept it. She was not greedy.



Uda grew to be an important person in Gujarat, but he never forgot the role of the very generous lady Laxmiben in his life.



We must be compassionate and generous because it will help in making the world a happier place.

