

The Merchant and His Gold



Long, long ago, there was a kingdom called Avanti. In that kingdom lived a wealthy merchant called Seth Udaymal. Seth Udaymal was very proud of being rich and wanted to show off his wealth in different ways.



He thought that if he threw a big party for the royal priest, he would become famous.



A big party was arranged, and the royal priest was called. A pile of gold was set in the middle of the room. It glittered and shone. Everyone talked about Seth Udaymal's wealth, and that made him very proud.



The royal priest came, and Seth Udaymal showed him all the gold he wanted to give him. The royal priest did not like the pride of Seth Udaymal, so he just looked at it and did the most surprising thing. He took the gold ring from his finger and added it to the pile,

"Give it to the poor."

he said and left the party.



Seth Udaymal was taken back! He did not think that the royal priest would refuse his money. The whole kingdom of Avanti came to know of this incident. Everybody talked about the pride of Seth Udaymal. He learned that he must not be proud.



We must not be proud
of our wealth or, for
that matter of anything.

