

GREEDY TIMOTHY

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Intent of the Story

- ✓ *Greed blinds us*
- ✓ *Greed is unquenchable.*
- ✓ *Greed ruins our lives*
- ✓ *We sacrifice what we are for money sake*

THE STORY

Timothy was a greedy wealthy man. He owned large properties.. For ever he fought with others over money matters.

One of his enemies, in order to destroy him, very cleverly presented him with a small "golden fish" in a glass bowl. He told him: "Timothy, when these "golden fish" grows to its normal size and dies a natural death, automatically, it will turn into pure gold. Then, you will be the richest man on earth!"

Timothy's unquenchable thirst for money overcame his common sense, and he believed the story of the "golden fish" When Timothy went home he kept his "golden fish" in a small water tank. Then, he generously began feeding his "golden fish". The fish, to Timothy's delight, grew very fast. Our Timothy was dreaming of the day when he would collect a heap of gold from his water tank.

After some months, the little tank became too small to contain the "golden fish", so Timothy at a great expense, had a pond built for the fish, and later on even a little lake! So big the Golden Fish had become! Timothy was impatiently waiting for the fish to stop growing and die; then, and only then, he would become rich beyond his dreams.

After a long, long time, after Timothy had spent all his wealth and health feeding and caring for the ever growing "golden fish", Aged and bankrupt, Timothy died before the fish would! He did never realize that his enemy had presented him with a baby whale!

POINTS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

1. Who does Timothy stand for in real life
2. How was Timothy so easily bluffed by his enemy?
3. What does greed do to us?
4. Can a greedy person ever be happy? "
5. Are money and wealth in themselves good or evil?
6. Is money dangerous? What are the dangers of having money? .
7. The proverb reads: "Money is the root cause of all evils" Is it so?

PERSONAL CHECK:

- 1) What are the things you crave most for in life?
- 2) What motivates you to study, work and strain yourself in life?
- 3) How much time you spend trying to make money?
- 4) How often do you talk about money?
- 5) How much do you worry about money?
- 6) Are you satisfied with what you have?
- 7) Do you feel jealous of those who have more than you?
- 8) Can you share your money, your wealth and possessions with others? How generous do you think you are?