

USELESS PICTURES.

Discover your unknown Treasures

Not all that glitters is gold

God's blessings come in disguise, be grateful for them.

Mrs. Kulkarni met her old neighbor Mrs. D'Costa as she was about to leave the compound of their Colony. Mrs. D'Costa looked haggard and down cast. Kulkarni said to D'Costa: "God morning, Mrs. Costa, how comes that you look so sad and weary today?"

With a sigh, Mrs. D'Costa replied: "How can I be happy when I have been deserted by Johnny, my only son whom I loved more than my own life? You know that he left some months back after he secured a very good job abroad. Before leaving, in tears and sobs swore to me: "Do not worry' mum. I'll never forget you. I love you with all my heart. All I am today, I owe it to you. Be sure, I'll see to it that you lack nothing. I'll keep sending you lots of money that you may live like a queen". Now, it's over a year since he left, but he sent me nothing. I am starving. I live from hand to mouth. I feel let down and forgotten.

"You mean", Mrs. Kulkarni replied: " that he has not written even a single letter to you from the day he left? I can't believe it. He was such a loving and wonderful son. In fact, quite often I said to myself: How lucky Mrs. D'Costa is having a son like Johnny!"

"Yes,, Mrs. Kulkarni, I have to say that letters he sends me every two days. Burt money or help? Nothing at all!. I am a pauper now and forced to live like a beggar. I am ashamed to have to confide to you that I borrow money from friends and acquaintances just not to starve."

"If you do not mind, Mrs. D'Costa, can you show me some of letters Johnny has sent you?" Mrs. Kulkarni said.

"Yes, I'll just show you the last letter I received from him. All the previous letters, in anger, I tore and threw away. I'll show you also the thing that angers me most. You know, along with the letters, Johnny keeps sending me some old, soiled and useless pictures. Who cares for old and useless pictures? I threw them away. Does he think that I am going to collect all that rubbish?"

When Mrs. Kulkarni saw the old, soiled and useless pictures that arrived along with the last letter of Johnny, was shocked and exclaimed. "What: have you done? Mrs. D'Costa? Did you not realize that these soiled and useless pictures Johnny has been sending you with love and you threw away in anger, were precious and valuable currency notes from Foreign countries? You have thrown away thousands of rupees!"