

THE BRICK

**We are so preoccupied with ourselves that we blind to the needs of others.
Often enough, our brothers and sisters in dire plight but, we are so preoccupied
with ourselves, that we do not notice them trying to call our attention,
Let us open our eyes and our hearts to the needs of others**

A young successful executive was traveling down a neighborhood street, in his new posh car. As his car passed by a crowded junction, a brick smashed into the side door! He slammed on the brakes and backed to the spot where the brick had been thrown.

The angry driver jumped out of the car and grabbed a lonely kid standing there, pushed him up against a parked car shouting, “Who are you? Just what the heck are you doing? That’s a new car. Why did you do that?”

The young boy was apologetic. “Please, mister... please, I’m sorry but I didn’t know what else to do, “He pleaded. “I threw the brick because no one else would stop...” With tears dripping down his face and off his chin, the youngster pointed to a spot just around a parked car. “She’s my mother, “he said. “She rolled off the curb and fell out of her wheelchair and I can’t lift her up.”

Now sobbing, the boy asked the stunned executive, “Would you please help me get her back into her wheelchair? She’s hurt and she’s too heavy for me.”

Moved beyond words the driver tried to swallow the swelling lump in his throat. He hurriedly lifted the handicapped old lady back into the wheelchair, then took out a linen handkerchief and dabbed at her fresh scrapes and cuts.

“Thank you and may God bless you.” the grateful child told the stranger. Too shocked for words, the man simply watched the boy push her wheelchair-bound mother down the sidewalk towards their home.

It was a slow walk, back to his car.. The damage was very noticeable, but the driver never bothered to repair the dented side door. He kept the dent there to remind him of this message!”

“Don’t go through life so engrossed in yourself that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention!”