

Union is Strength

United We Stand, Divided We Fall

(A Farmer and His Sons)

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"Union is Strength" is a universal truth. The fruits of unity are peace, strength and prosperity. While, disunity brings about trouble, failure and ruin.

The story of a farmer and his sons proves the truth of this famous proverb.

Once there was an old farmer. He had three sons who always quarrelled with one another. The old man was greatly worried to see this situation. He tried very hard to settle their dispute with words but all in vain.

Unfortunately, the old farmer fell ill. He was on the verge of death. He wanted to make a last attempt to reconcile his sons. He sent for his sons. He asked them to bring some sticks and tie them in a bundle. Then, he asked his sons to break the bundle of sticks. All of them tried their best to break the bundle but none of them succeeded.

Then the old farmer asked his sons to untie the bundle. He asked them to break the sticks and they broke the sticks easily. At this point, the old farmer addressed his sons that they would be strong and unconquerable like the bundle of sticks if united. Otherwise, they would be destroyed (to) like the sticks. Saying this, the old farmer breathed his last.

The practical piece of advice had a great impact on the quarrelling sons. They promised to live in peace to enjoy the fruits of unity in future They forgot their differences. and conquered every obstacle in the way of success with the force of unity. The family became wealthy , prosperous and happy very soon. This story proves that union is strength.