



THE WISE SAUCEPAN

A chap went to pay a visit to a man who was deemed to be very wise and prudent, and asked him: «What can I do for being as wise as you?».

The wise man lit up the stove and put a saucepan full of water on it. When the water started to boil, he threw into it potatoes, eggs and coffee.

After some time he took everything out and presented his guest with the resulting melting pot.

«Now look – the wise man explained – nobody could have eaten these things, before boiling them. But now the potatoes are well cooked and nice, the eggs are hard, the coffee has become a tasty beverage. The three ingredients have become better, because they have accepted the heat of the fire and have adapted themselves to it».

► ADAPTING ◀

If you want to improve, you must adapt yourself and accept events apparently negative, but that will help you to mature.

from: GIULIO SANTULIANA, *Once upon a time... Tales*



Don Bosco Is Talking To You...

DOWNLOAD OTHER FILES FROM
www.ilgrandeducatore.com

Editing by Angelo Santi, DBS former student

Translation by Elena Skall

Photos and images without signature belong to SDB Archives.

fold SHORT TALES FOR OUR SOULS

Insert of the magazine "Educators of Life Skills"
ilgrandeducatore@gmail.com



CONTROL YOUR ANGER

A father was tired with the fits of anger of his son, and thought he'd better give him a lesson. So he said to him: «From now on, each time you've a fit of anger you must drive a nail into the door, and when you are calm again, you will take it off».

The boy accepted his father's proposal. During the first days he drove a lot of nails, but took off very few, because he wasn't able to control himself.

But at a certain point his fits of anger diminished, so he stopped driving nails, and started to take them off.

He was very happy, and said to his father: «Dad, I'm not driving nails any more... what do you think?... Have I recovered from my bad habit?».

«Good boy! – the father answered –. You've recovered from your bad habit. But look, the consequences of it are still there! See how many holes in our door!».

► OFFENSES ◀

Anger is like a tsunami destroying everything and leaving a lot of suffering behind, even after rebuilding.



THE TWO GIRLFRIENDS



An elderly man, with a thick head of grey hair, had two girlfriends. One was young, the other was old. When the man was with the younger, she would tear his grey hairs out, because she thought: *«By so doing, he will look younger, and he will marry me, of course! »*.

When the man was with the older, she would tear his black hairs out, because she thought: *«By so doing, he will look older, and he will marry me, of course! »*.

The story ended quite soon, because the elderly man remained bold and the two girlfriends got rid of him, knocking him with their carpet beaters.

► LOVE AND PRUDENCE ◀

You can't please everybody.
Be yourself, and make your choices being aware of what you are.



TWO BROTHERS WHO LOVED EACH OTHER

Many years ago there were two brothers who lived together: one of them lived with his wife and children, the other lived in a near by flat, on his own.

One evening, after finishing harvesting the crop, the married brother thought: *«My brother is unlucky: he is lonely and sad, while I am happy here, with my wife and children... »*. So, every night he would take a sack of corn into his brother's barn.

The single brother, on his turn, thought: *«My brother needs help, because he has wife and children, while I'm alone and have nobody to maintain... »*. So he too, during the night, would take a sack of corn into his married brother's barn.

One night they got out of their beds at the same time and met on the barn stairs. Each of them was carrying a sack on his shoulders. So they hugged each other and wept in seeing how much they loved each other.

► BROTHERLY LOVE ◀

Love must remain a private feeling, but when one discovers it, one feels emotions, joy, gratitude. Sincere love is a spark of God's love.