



Shihan Molly's Parable About Goal Setting

The Farmer and His Children

There once lived a farmer in a village. He was very hardworking and always planned and set goals so he could have wonderful crops of food. He had three children. All strong and healthy, but very lazy. This worried the farmer.

The farmer grew old. But still, his children spend their time sleeping, eating and playing. The farmer became more and more worried about his children's future. He wanted his children to take care of his farm as he did. So, one day, he called his kids to his side and said: "There is a great treasure hidden in one of my fields to make sure that you three never go hungry."

After a few years, the farmer who was now very old, could no longer work in his fields. His kids decided to search for the treasure which their father had told them was buried in the fields. They took the farmer's shovel and dug every portion of the field, hunting for the buried treasure. But they found nothing.

A friend of their father saw this and suggested they plant some seeds as they have already dug the fields searching for the treasure. They agreed that was the right thing to do.

It rained a lot that season. Days passed. The fields grew huge crops of food that season. The farmer's children were so happy to see the crops of all the vegetables growing in the fields. The farmer's children realized their father wanted them to learn a lesson. That was the treasure! He wanted them to learn how to set goals and plan for the future." From that day on, the farmer's children were no longer lazy and they started working hard, planning every season so they could have great crops.