

## It's a Matter of Time

SON: "Daddy, may I ask you a question?"

DAD: "Yeah sure, what is it?"

SON: "Daddy, how much do you make in one hour?"

DAD: "That's none of your business. Why do you ask such a thing?"

SON: "I just want to know. Please tell me, how much do you make an hour?"

DAD: "If you must know, I make \$100 an hour."

SON: "Oh! (with his head down)."

SON: "Daddy, may I please borrow \$50?"

DAD: (frowning) "If the reason you're asking to borrow money is to buy a silly toy or some other nonsense, then march yourself straight to your room and go to bed. Think about why you are being so selfish." The little boy quietly went to his room and shut the door.

The man sat down and became even angrier thinking about the boy's questions. How dare he ask such questions just to get some money?

A while later the man had calmed down and thought: He rarely asks for money. Maybe there really is something he needs to buy with the \$50.

The man went to his son's room and opened the door.

DAD: "Are you asleep son?"

SON: "No daddy, I'm awake."

DAD: "I've been thinking, maybe I was too hard on you earlier. It's been a long day and I took out my aggravation out on you. Here's the \$50 you asked for."

The little boy sat straight up, smiling.

SON: "Oh, thank you daddy!"

Then, reaching under his pillow he pulled out some crumpled up bills. As the little boy carefully counted his money, the man felt anger creeping in.

DAD: "Why do you want more money if you already have some?"

SON: "Because I didn't have enough, but now I do."

"Daddy, now I have \$100. Can I buy an hour of your time?"

Maybe you could come home early tomorrow and we could eat supper together."

The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little son, and asked for forgiveness.

To everyone working so hard in life ... don't continue letting time slip through your fingers without spending time with those who really matter to you, those close to your heart.

Do remember to share that \$100 worth of your time with someone you love. If we die tomorrow, whatever important tasks we're working on will be handled by others; but the family and friends we leave behind will feel loss for the rest of their lives.

Choose what is more important.