

# Thick as a Brick

Be Prompt



Once there was a successful business man he was always pressed for time. His motto was, "Time is money!" On this particular day he was driving quickly in his expensive new car, travelling down a neighborhood street lined with houses

As he was driving, he saw something out of the corner of his eye near a car parked off to the side, but because he was in a hurry, he ignored it and continued to drive quickly down the street.

All of a sudden, a brick flew and smashed into the man's expensive car side door!

The man slammed on the brakes and backed his car back to the spot where the brick had been thrown.

The angry businessman jumped out of the car, grabbed the nearest kid and pushed him up against a parked car shouting, "What was that all about? What are you doing? That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money to fix it. Why did you do it?"

The young boy was apologetic. "Please, sir, 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 young child pointed to a spot just around a parked car.

"It's my brother," he said. "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up." Now sobbing, the boy asked the stunned businessman, "Would you please help me get him back into

his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me to do it by myself."

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

A quick look told him that the boy was going to be okay. "Thank you sir, thank you" the grateful child told the stranger. Too shook up for words, the man simply watched the boy push his wheelchair-bound brother down the side walk toward their home.

When the man got back to his expensive car, the damage to car door was very noticeable. The business man never bothered to repair the dented side door. He decided to keep the dent there to remind him, not to go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at him to get his attention!

It's important to take care of the big things in life, like spend time with your family, friends, and help people when needed. It's important to slow down to look at the people and circumstances around us. Otherwise, before we know it, our life will pass and we might realize that we paid attention to the wrong things.

