

## **6. EXPANSION OF PROVERBS OR AN IDEA**

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### **1. WHERE THERE IS A WILL, THERE IS A WAY**

The inner meaning of the proverb is that we need a strong will and effort to overcome the obstacles in our progress. It means that men with superior will and resolute determination succeed in their efforts. There are a number of examples to illustrate that people of average intelligence and physical strength has reached great heights of power and popularity. Demosthenes was a stammerer. He wanted to become a great orator. He overcame his physical handicaps with single-minded devotion and iron will. These good qualities enabled him to become a famous orator. "Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is reached", is a flash from Swami Vivekananda. Mahatma Gandhi struggled for the freedom from the foreign rule with strong iron will. "Great souls have will, feeble ones have only wishes".

### **2. HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY**

Nowadays people are tempted to make money quickly. We see around to people amassing money quite easily. We see around us people amassing money easily and we are tempted to imitate their ways. Merchants, politicians and government officers acquire wealth by dishonest means and corrupt practices. On the other hand, honest, hardworking men are struggling for survival. Such honest people find in difficult to make both ends meet. As a result, the general public lose faith in honesty. In every sphere, we often meet people adopting corrupt and dishonest means of acquiring money. But such money does not constitute true riches. Its possession is transitory. It is within you to live an honest life. He is poor who is dissatisfied; he is rich who is contented with what he has. The story of "*The wood cutter and the golden Axe*" shows that honesty will be rewarded sooner or later. The happiness and prosperity acquired by the dishonest are short-lived. It will destroy his peace of mind. Society respects and rewards the truly honest people.

### **3. SLOW AND STEADY WINS THE RACE**

As soon as we read this proverb, the story "*The Hare and the Tortoise*" flashes into our mind. The hare laughed at the slow pace of

the tortoise. But at the end the tortoise reached the goal first because the hare had overslept under a tree. It is said that Rome was not built in a day. The saying implies that we have to plan a task and execute it meticulously and diligently. A grand plan cannot be accomplished suddenly. We have to pay minute attention to all the details and work out the plan slowly and steadily. Then only we can win the goal. Haste is waste. Good beginning is half done. A flower does not blossom suddenly. The seed must be planted, watered, manured, fenced and cultivated carefully. Only at the end we can enjoy the beautiful flowers. Think thrice before you leap. Stop, think and proceed. Then you can accomplish your purpose easily and surely. Students must read their lessons daily. Then they can come out in flying colours in the final examination. We can lead a successful life by adopting this proverb in our daily life.

## EXERCISE 7

Expand the idea contained in the following proverbs or statements:-

### Proverbs

1. Prevention is better than cure.
2. Pen is mightier than the sword.
3. Knowledge is Power.
4. He who follows two hares catches neither.
5. Example is better than precept.