

Cheap Trick, ---But Valuable Lesson!

Two armies were facing each other in a battleground. It was old-fashioned warfare, when only soldiers fought soldiers. Civilians were not affected. The Commanders of both armies advanced to the middle of the ground, shook hands, and agreed to commence the battle the very next day.

But one commander found that the enemy army was much bigger in numbers than his own army. So he was diffident and told his king that it was better to surrender. But the king had a wise minister, who said that they should go to a temple and pray. At the temple, the minister said: “After prayer, I shall toss a coin. If it is “heads” that would mean that, despite our army being smaller, we will win. But if the coin falls with “ tails” up, that would mean that we would lose. In that case we shall surrender.” The king, the commander and the soldiers all agreed.

The coin was tossed. It was “ heads” up! Every body was jubilant and confident. God had blessed them.

The battle was fought and the smaller army won!

Afterwards, the wise minister showed the coin to the king secretly and confidentially. The particular coin had “heads” on both sides!

Cheap trick? May be! But it instilled confidence in the minds of the common soldiers. They believed that God was on their side. They were filled with positive thinking!

Positive thinking can work wonders. The great psychologist Dr William James said: “Powerful and mighty is the Human Mind. It builds; or, it destroys!”. It you think positively, “ it builds” and if you think negatively, well, then, “it destroys”. The choice is yours!

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