

Story with a Moral

A man, who regularly attended family meetings suddenly without any notice stopped participating. After a few weeks, one very cold night the leader of that group decided to visit him. He found the man at home, alone, sitting in front of a fireplace where a bright fire burned. The man welcomed the leader. There was a great silence. The two men only watched the dancing flames around the logs that crackled in the fireplace.

After a few minutes the leader, without saying a word, examined the woods that formed the fire and selected one of them, glowing most brightly of all, removing it to the side with a pair of tongs. Then he sat down again. The host was paying attention to everything, fascinated. Before long, the lone member flame subsided, until there was only a momentary glow & the fire soon went out. In a short time what was previously bright light and heat had become nothing more than a black & dead piece of wood. Very few words had been spoken since the greeting.

Before preparing to leave, the leader with the tongs picked up the useless piece of wood & placed it again in the middle of the fire. Immediately, the member piece of wood was rekindled, fuelled by the light & heat of the burning coals around him.

When the leader reached the door to leave, the host said: Thank you for your visit and for your beautiful lesson. I'll return to the group soon.

Why is a group important? Very simple:

- ❖ Because they are a part of the flame.
- ❖ Because each member that withdraws takes fire & heat from the rest.
- ❖ We are all responsible for keeping each other's flame burning.
- ❖ We must promote the union among us so that the fire is really strong, effective and lasting.

The Group is also a Family

It doesn't matter if sometimes we are bothered by so many quarrels & misunderstandings and question the benefits. What matters is to be connected and be strong to pursue our goals and succeed. We are here to meet, learn, exchange ideas and know that we are not alone.

Let's keep the flame.



**Every teacher, once was a student
Every Winner once was a loser
Every Expert once was a beginner.**