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Greetings my dear brothers and sisters,

I hope you and you families are well by the grace of God.

There has been much news in the last week about money. From one side there are the continuing battles of the cost of living crisis and in the other there is news about more billionaires in the country than ever before. However, the story that captivated my heart was the news of the couple that became the largest lottery winners of all time winning over £165 million. What an incredible staggering amount. With that in mind, here is a story about such a win.

The Lottery Win

It was a small town, located in the outskirts of a city. People who lived in the town worked in the city and earned for their life. The town had a tea shop located near the bus stand. People who wait for the bus chat with others in the tea shop.

There was a group of six men who worked in the city. Although they work at different companies in the city, they were very close. Every day the six men used to chat and have nice conversation as they wait for the bus.

Ketan was one in the group and he worked in a garment factory. One day, Ketan was sitting in silence in the tea shop and did not join the conversation with others. The other friends saw him very sad and enquired of him why he looked so worried?

Ketan told, 'nothing friends!'

One man insisted him to share his worries, so that they might find a solution for his troubles.

Here is the conversation between Ketan and his friends.

Ketan said, 'I lost Ten million pounds!'

While all were shocked, one of his friends told, '10 million pounds ? When did you have so much money?'

Ketan: 'Yes, I lost 10 million pounds . I'm so depressed and lost a fortune!'

A Friend: 'You were with us most of the time. Then how did you lose the money?'

Ketan was silent.

A friend: 'if you can share with us, we can really help you!'

Ketan: 'I read newspaper last Friday, which had the details of a lottery ticket. The one who purchase gets 10 Million pounds as the winning money. Today I read the news again declaring the winning lottery ticket.'

A friend: 'You purchased and lost?'

Another friend: 'did you lose the ticket?'

Ketan: 'No!'

A friend: 'Then why you are sad?'

Ketan: 'I thought I should have purchased one ticket. I decided to purchase on Wednesday as it is my lucky day. Unfortunately I forgot to buy the lottery ticket on Wednesday. Only after reading today's news I remembered about the lottery. Today, the results are announced. If I purchased it, I would have won the lottery and 10 million amount. I feel so bad I lost 10 million pounds.'

Ketan's words left everyone shocked to the core! He did not buy the lottery ticket, but regret for losing 10 million pounds!!

Many people are like Ketan. Regretting for something we have not done gives us nothing. Try and put maximum efforts you can to get yourself rewarded.

Why am I sharing this story? For the simple reason, in life we have to do something to get something back. Ketan never bought a lottery ticket yet he was crying. You have to be in the race to win it and that

my dear brothers and sisters applies to everything we do. We have to put the effort in to reap the rewards. Yes, life is difficult. It has its challenges but if we expect things to just happen then we are deluding ourselves.

I was touched by the couple that won the lottery recently. They had never expected to win but they continued to buy a ticket in the hope that they would. For them, their dream came true. When speaking about their winnings they said they had not just won the lottery but their family had won the lottery and they plan to share the money with their immediate and extended family. How wonderful is that? For them, they will reap even more benefits and blessings.

MANY OF US HAVE REGULAR LOTTERY WINS OF A LOVING FAMILY, CHILDREN, HUSBAND, WIFE, PEACE OF MIND AND HEALTH, WE DON'T JUST RECOGNISE WHAT THEY ARE IN OUR LIFE. It is not always about money.

I wish you a blessed and reflective week ahead. May God continue to guide you all the days of your life.

Yours affectionately,

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