



Once, two students were sitting in the school garden.

Student 1 said, "In my next life, I hope to be a talented sports player and play for my country. Then I will be rich, popular, and able to buy everything I want." Student 2 replied, "I hope to be born into a famous family in my next life. Then I will automatically become successful and one of the richest people in my country."

A wise gardener nearby overheard their conversation and said, "My young friends, why are you waiting for another life?" The students looked at him curiously.

He pointed to the plants around them. "Look, the rose does not wish to become a mango tree, and the mango tree does not wish to become bamboo. Each has its own purpose and value. In the same way, every person has unique talents."

Student 1 asked, "But what if our talents are not great?"

"There is no such thing as a small talent," replied the gardener. "Some people are gifted in sports, some in arts, some in science, and some in helping and encouraging others. Instead of spending your life wishing to be someone else, it is wiser to discover your own gifts."

"So what should we do?" asked the students.

The gardener answered, "First, discover your talents. Second, develop them through effort and discipline. Third, use them to help others."

"A talented athlete can inspire people. A teacher can guide young minds. A scientist can solve problems. A kind friend can bring comfort to someone in need."

"The wisest people are not those with the greatest talents. They are the ones who use their talents to make life better for others."

Before leaving, the gardener added, "Do not wait for another life. This life is your opportunity. Be grateful for your gifts, improve them every day, and use them with kindness."

The students realized that true success is not about becoming rich, famous, or being like someone else. True success comes from discovering your own talents, using them to serve others, and finding happiness in doing so.

Question: What talent, strength, or positive quality do you have, and how could you use it to help others?

Heart-Work: Identify one talent, strength, or positive quality you have. During the coming week, use it to help someone at home, at school, or in your community. Share your experience.