

## Once Upon **A Time** In **Kwacha** Village

In Kwacha village lived a girl called Titha. Kwacha was small and poor community. Titha's parents used to live happily cultivating crops together. In a certain year, heavens smiled at the poor family of Titha so that they harvested a lot of crops. They managed to sell part of the harvest. Titha's father bought a bicycle, a radio, blankets and clothes for his wife and children.

Heavens smiled at them again the following year as they had two great harvests in the granary. They sold enough and kept enough. Titha's father and mother talked about opening a shop as they walked a very long distance to get to a shop. This worked for the family and it made the family well known. But things started to change for Titha's father. He started drinking, divorced his wife and chased his children. He spent his wealth recklessly.

A few years later, Titha's father became very ill and all his wives left him alone. Titha's mother was concerned to see the father of her children so ill without anyone to take care of him. She decided to go back and take care of him. He did not live long. He died.

It also happened that Titha's mother got ill from malaria and died. This became a hard time for Titha as she depended fully on her mother. Her mother's death taught her to work in people's houses to find food and some daily needs. There was one thing that Titha did not forget to do. She always said a little prayer for her future.

Girls of her age were getting married but she continued to go to school. Many women in the village would gossip about her. She was selected to go to a very expensive school. Luckily enough her fees were paid by the government. She worked very hard and she went to college.

After college, she managed to get a very good job so that she became the first person to drive a car in her village. Titha started to assist her relatives as well as sending many girls to school in her village. Titha became rich and had a happy family.

All the women that mocked Titha were ashamed and began to praise her.

Moral of the story:

- Beware of success in life. It can lead to poor decisions
- Titha worked hard always and was successful.
- She wanted to help others. She had a good outlook on life.

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