

OPE THE STINGY AND GREEDYTORTOISE.

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Once upon a time in a village there
lived a tortoise named opeyemi.
He is a very clever tortoise. Each

time he is always in the king palace to beg for
food because he was so lazy. His families are
always hungry, sometimes his wife will have to
go to ope's friend house to beg for food.

One morning ope went to the king's palace and
said "sir please I and my family have not eaten
anything for the past three (3) days and sir I
really need your help". Then the king told him
to start farming so that he can earn a living.

Tortoise agreed with the king and started farming.

The next day ope went to the queen and lied. He said the king said he should collect food from the queen. The queen believed him the queen prepared the food for him and he didn't give any of his family members a taste.

Later the kings invited ope to his palace to ask him whether his crops are growing. "Ope are your crops growing well" the king asked him. Then ope said "my crops are growing well" he

also said that he need food to feed his family.

Then the king gave him some amount of money

so that he can feed himself and his family. After

leaving the palace ope went straight to the queen

and said ‘your highness the king said you should

prepare him a soft pounded and egusi. He also

said I should bring it to his palace that he is very

hungry. Then the queen said “ope where is the

king and when did he send you here” then he

said “he is in the palace and he sent me just

now” I left there and decided to come to you so

that I will deliver his message to you. Then the

queen went straight to the kitchen to prepare the king's launch. After 10minutes the queen gave ope the food to give to the king. Then ope left the palace and went to a corner and started eating the food. He ate the sweet food until he was full and he became tired. When he got home he met his family crying for food, then he took pity of them and gave his wife 500 cowries so that she can feed herself and her children.

After some minutes ope went out again. This time he went to his farm to check his crops

whether they are still growing. Because he has not been going to his farm for the past three Weeks. When he got there he saw all his crops and grains. His tomatoes, okro, rice, beans and other plants have grown well. Ope quickly harvested his plants and packed them and took them straight to the market for sale. After three days, a very rich manufacturer bought all the plants and gave ope ten million cowries. Ope was very happy and he became rich. He built a very big house for his family. When people saw ope's house they were surprised where he got

the money he used to build such a very big house. Then the king ordered his guards to investigate. After much investigation, the guards noticed that he got his money in a legal way.

When they left, ope went straight to a very old wise man. The man is very old. He is 355 years old. He said he wants to make some charms that he needs protection. The man told him to bring some amount of money for the sacrifice. Then ope lied to the man “baba I don’t have money I am a very poor man” then the old man said “okay then try and bring a cock”. Ope later

agreed with the man and the next day he bought a fowl and he told the man “this is the fowl you asked me to bring”. Then the old man made the sacrifice, after the sacrifice tortoise had to be killed. So the old man killed him.

THE END

Moral Lesson: It is not good to be greedy, greediness can kill.