

# THE TRICKSTER

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ONE Saturday morning, I was sent by my uncle to buy some items from Melcom Department Store for my cousin who was beginning JSS in a boarding school. He asked me to be very careful with the money.

So I set off with about ₦300,000 on me. I felt so grown up going to shop with all this money on my own. On my way I met a young man of about 28 years. He gave his name as Kwaku Frafra, and claimed he comes from Cape Coast. He told me he knew me at the university campus but when I said I didn't live there, he said he was sorry but I looked like a lady at that area.

We then started talking about general things. Mr Frafra said I was very respectful so he will help me. He went on by saying that since I am in JSS three and preparing for my BECE, he can help me get twelve ones.

In fact when he said that, I thought he was talking about private classes but he said he had a better way to help me. He said he was a man of God who had powers to do good things for good girls and boys. He even said he has helped many schools.

He said that he would pray for me but before that he wanted some money. I said I didn't have money but that the money on me was for my uncle. He said that was no problem as he could double or even triple the money by praying over it.

He then asked me to give him a thousand note which he changed to two thousand, then five thousand changed to ten thousand. I became interested and gave him all the money.

He said since the money was too much I had to count one up to a hundred, since it takes some time to multiply ₦300,000.

After counting up to a hundred, I opened my eyes and to my astonishment the man (my saviour) was no where to be found. It then dawned on me that I had been tricked.

I started looking for the man but he was nowhere to be found. I started asking passers-by about the man and they looked at me like I was crazy. I cried till I reached home and when I told my uncle about what had happened I was reprimanded. I did not eat that day and couldn't sleep either in the night. I couldn't believe I had made a fool of myself and realised I had more growing up to do.

From that time I made up my mind to be careful with strangers and take extra care when handling money.

## DO AWAY WITH ANGER

ANGER, very unfortunately is something most of us suffer from, and it is only after a really close appraisal of its effects is it obvious that it is (A)nti-Christ (against Christ) (N)egative (often yields the result you don't want) (G)odless (its something God does not like, (E)xpensive (often, showing too much anger can lead to physical stress which may result in (R)uin.


Years back my dear mother told us of a story about two prominent gentlemen of Accra who were fighting over the ownership of a parcel of land. Often at weekends in the mornings, they would meet at

fighting. But these days they seem not to be living too much of a dogs life because they've stopped, wow, they've wised up, what about us!!

Anger, even when you feel justified, often leaves you wondering whether you didn't make a fool of yourself. You lose control of what you are saying and say all sorts of unnecessary hurtful things which later is regretted. How many times do we read stories that remind us of our worst nightmares. People lose their lives for lifeless, unimportant

things, just because somebody was not patient enough to listen to the still small

Hello Kiddies!



It's Uncle George

One of the greatest victories is to lose an opportunity to show anger, oh! believe

## Answers to Kiddy Quiz

- What is the name of the scale used to measure wind speed? —Anemometer.
- What type of chemical gives the sour taste in lemons? —Acids.
- How do birds and other animals keep warm in winter? —Animals keep warm by trapping air between their fur or feathers.
- What colours are known as the primary colours — Red, yellow and blue.
- What are the colours of the spectrum? — Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, Indigo and violet.
- The Moon orbits the earth. True/ False? True.
- The sun Orbits the earth. True/False? — False.
- The moon and the Earth orbit the sun? True/False —True.
- Which is the longest bone in your body. — The femur (thigh bone).