

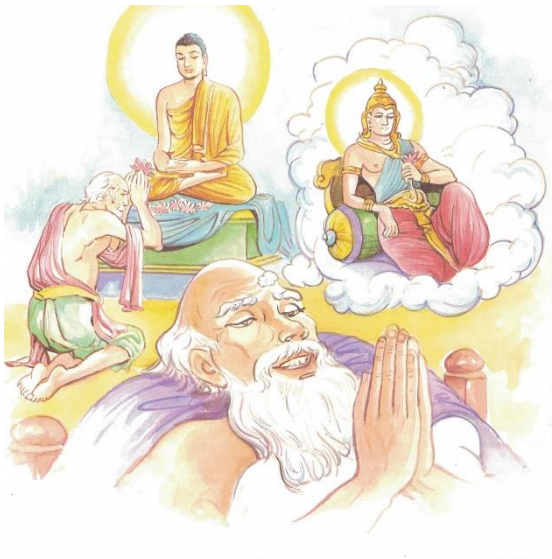
Dhammapada (Illustrated)

This page describes The Story of Dhammika Upasaka which is verse 16 of the English translation of the Dhammapada which forms a part of the Sutta Pitaka of the Buddhist canon of literature. Presenting the fundamental basics of the Buddhist way of life, the Dhammapada is a collection of **423** stanzas. This verse 16 is part of the Yamaka Vagga (Twin Verses) and the moral of the story is "**Seeing the purity of one's own action the doer of good continues to rejoice in both worlds.**".

*idha modati pecca modati katapuñño ubhayattha modati |
so modati so pamodati disvā kamma visuddhimattano || 16 ||*

“Here one joys, one joys hereafter, in both wise does the merit-maker joy; one joys and one rejoices, one's own pure [kammās](#) seeing.”

The Story of Dhammika Upāsaka



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Dhammika, the Generous Giver

Dhammika was a kind and generous man who lived in a town called Sāvatti. He was a good friend to the monks, always offering them food and other things they needed. Dhammika had many children, and they were kind too, just like their father.

One day, Dhammika became very ill. He knew his time to die was coming, so he asked the monks to come and read some special Buddhist teachings to him. While the monks were chanting pirit, something amazing happened! Six beautiful chariots, all shining brightly, appeared from the sky. They were here to take Dhammika to a special heavenly world.

Dhammika didn't want to interrupt the monks, so he asked them to wait. His children were surprised and a little sad.

Dhammika explained that he was going to a wonderful place called the Tusita world. He told his children, "If you want to join me someday, you must also be kind and generous to others, just as I have been."

And that's exactly what happened! Dhammika went to the Tusita world, a beautiful place where he would be happy. The Buddha told the monks that Dhammika was a very special person. He was happy in this world because he was kind, and he would be happy in the next world too. The Buddha taught the monks that being kind and helpful makes us happy both now and in the future.

Exercise:

- 1. How many stanzas are there in the Dhammapada?**
- 2. Who was Dhammika Upasaka?**
- 3. Where did Dhammika Upasaka reborn after he died?**
4. Name 5 activities which can lead to the heavens.
5. What is the meaning of the stanza that Buddha preached to the monks?
6. Draw the story of Dhammika Upasaka.
7. Prepare a speech to present at the classroom using the story of Dhammika Upasaka. Include the importance of doing good things and meritorious acts. Speak about how we can become kind in our life.

Story of Mattakundalee

There lived a miser named Addinna Pabbaka, a Brahmin who had a lot of money. He was a stingy person who did not like to spend money.

His son Mattakundalee fell sick, but he did not summon a doctor fearing that he would have to spend money for the medicine. Therefore he himself gave medicine to his son.

But it did not cure the boy but worsened the sickness. The boy became very sick and he was near to death. The father said to himself. "If my son dies inside the house people who come to see the dead body would see my wealth and all my possessions. They would also come later and rob my belongings". He brought his son to the open verandah. The boy was laid on the floor facing the wall.



It was the daily routine of The Buddha to look around the whole world with his mental Divine Eye. He saw this boy Mattakkundali and came to the house to help the boy. The Buddha's halo ('Budu Ràs') lighted the wall and verandah. The sick Mattakkundali turned and saw The Buddha near him. He felt so happy, and he brought his hands together to worship the Buddha saying "Sādhu, Sādhu."



After seeing The Buddha, Mattakundali was pleased and died with a pure heart and was born in a heavenly world.

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Manopubbangamā Dhammā - manoseththa manomaya
 Manasā ce pasannena - bhaṣati va karoti va
 Tato nam sukhamanveti - chaṣā'va anapayīni
 - Dhammapada

All thoughts begin in the mind, mind is supreme and mind - made are they.
 If one speaks or acts with a pure mind, happiness follows him like one's shadow that never leaves.