

ENGLISH



THE SHEPHERD'S TREASURE

~Summary~

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This story 'The Shepherd's Treasure' is a famous **Iranian** folk tale woven around an Iranian **shepherd**. The story brings out the meaning that high **values** or **virtues** will lead you to a high position. In this story, the shepherd had risen to a higher **position** through his **wisdom** and **humility**.

The shepherd though **uneducated** and poor, remained wise. He solved the **problems** of people who came to him. The **solutions** given by him gave them full confidence and courage. He treated everyone with equality. Soon, the shepherd's intelligence and helping nature gained him **popularity**. Also, it reached the king of the country.

The king wanted to check his intelligence personally. He **appointed** him as a **governor** of a small district after **testing** his intelligence. The new governor worked hard using his potential and intelligence. He treated everyone equally. His humility and intelligence reached all over the country.

People **praised** him and acknowledged him for being so kind and wise. This made the governors of other provinces grew **envious** of him. So, they narrated some **false** stories, accusing him of saving **money** from the tax and hiding it in the iron chest that he carried along every time.

When the shepherd proved him to be an honest person by unveiling the iron chest, everyone was shocked. The king was please with his intelligence for the **second** time and rewarded him for the second time. This time, the shepherd was appointed as a governor of a **bigger** district. Hence, the story ends with a moral that good virtues will always be recognised and **rewarded**.

~Conclusion~

By proving his honesty, the shepherd became the governor of a bigger district. This tale of the shepherd teaches us the value of wisdom and humility. It reminds us that we ought to remain humble even when we reach the peaks of success.