



I hear many people say, "I am going to work," and I often hear my father say the same thing.

Why work?

Sometimes I like to work and sometimes I do not like. And very often I do not understand why my father or my mother makes me work. They often tell me, "This is your work and you should do it." Of course, I had to do "my work" and when I finished it I stopped working. Sometimes I do not even finish my work.

When I was in the school our teacher told us to solve four arithmetic problems. In the following day when I came to the school the teacher asked how many of us have finished the four problems he assigned the day before. Many of us finished all, a few did not finish all, but one or two solved not only the four problems but other problems also.

"Very good," said our teacher. "You who solved all the four problems have done well, because you have complied with the assignment. But you, who solved not only the four problems assigned but also other problems, have done better."

I have not yet forgotten what my teacher said. I did not know then what he meant, but now I know, because just the other day my mother told me the same thing.

She told me to wash the dishes after breakfast because she had to go to the market. I washed the dishes and scrubbed the floor of the kitchen also. When she returned and saw what I did she was very happy. Of course, I was also very happy not only because my mother was happy but also because I did more than I was told to do. And I remembered the words of my teacher, "You who solved not only the four problems assigned but also other problems, have done better."

From now on, my work will be more than I am asked to do.

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