On the ethics of commitment



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Once upon a time, there was a little king. His name was Jay Citizen the first. Jay C. I. was sad all day long.





When he looked around, all he saw was egoism. No-one was looking after his fellow citizens. The little grey kings thought only of themselves, the big grey kings were even worse. Even so, none of the kings were happy.

What a terrible situation!

The little king Jay C. I. wanted to change this. He wanted to do something for his fellow citizens: more for the children, more for businesses, more for education, more for the poor and more for local neighbourhoods. And he wanted to laugh as well. He wanted to have fun in life, learn something and discover this wonderful world!

But how could he, the little king, manage this on his own?

He pondered and pondered... and then suddenly he had an idea!





"Why don't I talk to the other kings who also want to change lives?" thought the little King. "Learning from one another is the key to success," continued Jay C. I. with certainty.

So he left on a long journey to visit the other kings.

The cyan coloured queen said:





That was a great tip. With a spring in his step, the little King Jay C. I. continued his journey...



The green king knew:

The man who removed the mountain was the same man who began to carry away small stones. If we just start with the first step, even big tasks can be surmounted. We can achieve the goals of the U.N.. Peace is possible.



"How amazing!" thought the little King Jay C. I., "just starting is the key to positive change."

And so he journeyed on ...





The red king advised him:



At the market, sell fishing rods, not fish. If the people learn to fish, they learn to help themselves. Self-help is our duty. This is freedom. People who are free, safeguard justice.





"Great," thought Jay C. I., "that's helpful." With a smile on his face, the little king carried on...



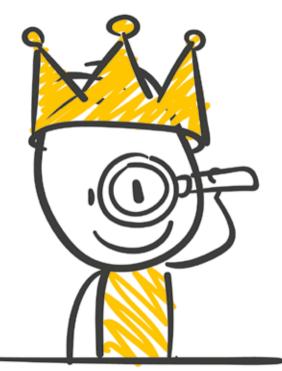


The purple queen said to him:

The greatest treasure of a person are not their worldly belongings. Their greatest treasure is their character and personality. The more you train character, the better you can serve society.

"Training my character my whole life. That sounds good. This will keep us alert to the adversity faced by our fellow citizens." Thought Jay C. I. to himself.

The little king travelled further...

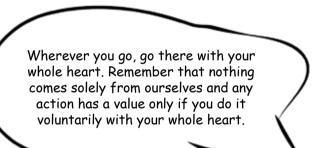


The blue king knew:

The great person leads with a just hand and without preference or prejudice. Leadership is only credible when it applies the same rules to everyone. Not relationships and friendships determine this, but the law alone.



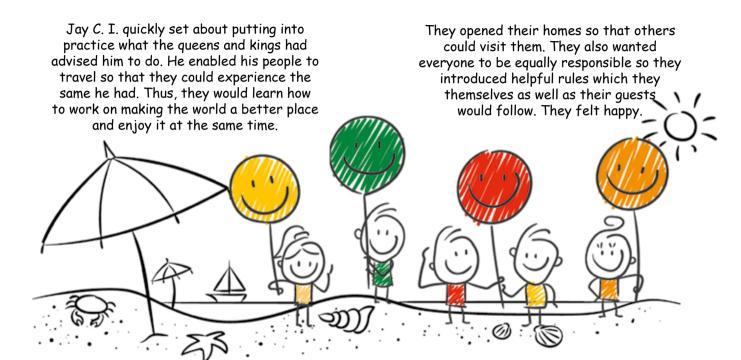
This makes living together much happier, when not only friends are given preference. The same rules for everyone. That's a good idea. With this idea safely tucked away, Jay C. I. continued his travels... The orange king spoke:





Suddenly the little king Jay C. I. looked up and couldn't believe his eyes. In the distance he saw a castle. Was he already back home?

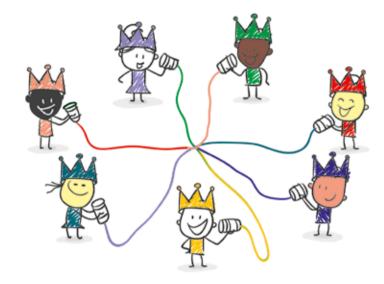
He had travelled happily and effortlessly around the world and had received great pieces of advice.





The other kings realised that they had learnt a lot from the little king Jay C. I. They were much happier because Jay C. I. had kept nothing to himself. He had shared the great tips with the other kings. Every day, they made the world a little bit better.

One day, all the kings met up again. They partied the whole day and the whole night and learnt from one another and learnt even more about each other. They even gave themselves a name. They named themselves Jaycees, after the little king Jay C. I.

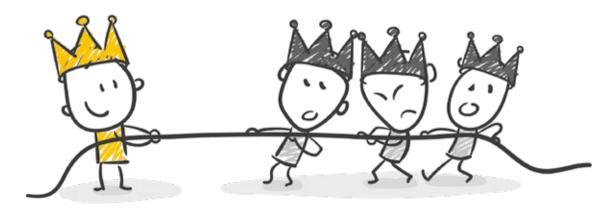


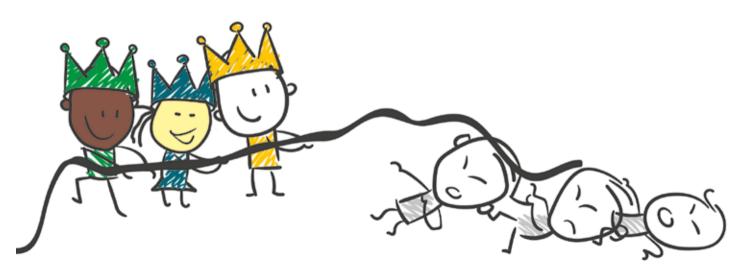


And because the meetings were so wonderful, they started to organise conferences at least twice a year.

They met at the world Congress, at regional conferences, national conferences and even locally they managed to create platforms for exchange. Finally, they had an advantage over the big, bad egoists!

The Jaycees became happier. They became even fairer. They made their countries more colourful and ended up laughing together.







From this came an ethic of commitment.

Every king wrote down their thoughts and together they created their creed:

We Believe:

- That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life
- That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations
- That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise
- That government should be of laws rather than of men
- That earth's great treasure lies in human personality and
- That service to humanity is the best work of life





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