

**THE QUEEN'S  
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**Who is the best?**

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Once upon a time,  
There sat four friends, with a bottle of wine,  
Health, Wealth, Happiness and Freedom,  
All babbling about their own kingdom,  
Their talk seemed never ending,  
Their gossip was always pending.

Wealth said, "Oh! I am so busy, you see!  
Everyone wants only and a lot of me!"

"What are you talking? I am the most wanted" Health said,  
"So please, get this rubbish out of your head.

Freedom intervened, "Oh! I am sorry to be rude,  
But you all know I am the most important need, Dude!"

Happiness poked, "Well! You all are lying,  
Without me, people feel like dying!"

Health, Wealth, Happiness, Freedom all of them,  
Arguing and debating, began,

Wealth said again, "I am the mightiest need,  
Without me, how will one feed?"

"No! My child", Health said,  
"Without me, one will always be sick in bed!"

Freedom had its own point,  
And to the debate, it also joined,

Said Happiness, "It's me who everyone wants,  
Because depression and sadness always haunts!"

All the four began to fight,  
No one leaving its own pride,  
But at the end no conclusion came,  
All wanted the Most Important Need's fame,  
They began to grow livid,  
Everyone became each other's critic,  
But who will decide which one wins.  
That's when lord Jesus came in,

"Oh my dears, what is the matter?  
Tell me, maybe I can make it better!"

"Oh lord! Tell them I am the most important need!  
Wealth said, "I am people's life and fulfill their greed!"

But to this Health joked,  
"Everybody knows I am the most important! "it poked.

"No lord! Tell them I am the best!  
Said happiness, "I am better than the rest."

Freedom interrupted, "No! I am the foremost demand!  
And thus I am the need grand,"

All four of them argued but Jesus said,  
"Oh! Listen to me before going ahead!  
I will tell you the needs of life,  
Without them life seems piercing like a knife."

Everyone had calmed thus,  
As Jesus began to discuss.

“Life is a like a lovely dream,  
Filled with sudden pleasure sometimes scream,  
Time always flies by,  
Here we are born, here we die,  
This is life, full of deeds,  
Here we all have our different needs.”

“Diverse people with different priority,  
Wealth is one for the majority,  
“You have everything if you have money” - they say,  
It makes our life easy in every other way.  
I’m afraid, it’s true my friend!  
Many borrow, but no one lends,  
Money leaves one and goes to other,  
Thus leaving us simply pother,  
Enough money can fill the needs,  
But it won’t be able to satisfy the greed.  
Yet is necessary for us,  
It’s one of the important requirements, thus.”

With this wealth became proud,  
To the immense displeasure of the surrounding crowd.

“Health is considered most important by some,  
Even if they belong to a slum,  
We are nothing if we are not well,  
Being sick feels like hell,  
Being healthy enables a life comforting,  
Being unhealthy makes the same, disapproving!  
Some people have a habit of chasing wealth,  
But what about their health?”

People always prefer their health care,  
Playing with body is such a dare,  
Then what will be the use of cash?  
Without health, money is trash!"

Health shrugged and smirked,  
As in the crowd it perked.  
"Yet, both lie equally important,  
And can't really be shortened."

"Happiness is another aspect,  
This is what the inner soul expects,  
Some people don't know to be happy,  
Therefore, they become frustrated and snappy.  
Being happy makes us feel on cloud nine,  
Nothing seems as much divine,  
Happiness makes us enjoy every hour,  
It has such a mighty power,  
People are afraid of depression and sadness,  
What they want is joy and gladness,  
It's a state of mind,  
Which, one can nowhere find."

Happiness became happy,  
As the others grew jealous and snappy.  
"Choosing one of these three is a hard task,  
Many are not able to choose, whomever we ask."

"We have said about these three,  
But what about the act of being free?  
Preamble guarantees our freedom,  
But it's still a demand in many kingdoms.  
If no freedom is provided to one,  
It's a complete injustice done!

Such places seem haunted,  
There, freedom is must and wanted.  
No freedom always gives a fright,  
Freedom of life is people's right,  
People choose death over subjection,  
Subjection is the topmost objection!"

Now came Freedom's chance,  
As its reputation was enhanced.

"Now comes the question, Who is the best?  
Which one is more important than the rest?  
The answer is not as simple as that,  
It can't be understood as a matter of fact."

"All four of these,  
Are essential to live a life of ease,  
Enough money, for survival,  
Health for delayed burial.  
Happiness is wanted by each and every one,  
Without freedom, life is appreciated by none!  
But an excess of these requirements is not good for us,  
It should be limited to an extent, thus."  
All of the four were stun,  
As no one actually had won.

"Too much wealth, makes us egoistic,  
Caring only for health, is not much logistic,  
Pursuing too much happiness makes us feel down,  
Too much of freedom also drowns!  
Up to a limit, these give us happiness,  
But an excess is plain, joylessness.  
Excess of things is destructive,  
It makes our life simply unproductive!"

“The combination of these four needs,  
Is required as the life proceeds,  
Wealth, Health, Happiness and Freedom- a pinch of each,  
Is enough for self-appease!  
This is the perfect life, my friend!  
We can live till the very end,  
It makes our life ideal,  
A perfect one and real!!!!!!”

All of the four now had understood,  
And all together they stood,  
“We understand what you are trying to say,  
We are sorry for the dismay!  
All of us together are important for everyone,  
So the winner among us is everyone!”

Jesus then said, “Yes! All of you are equally best,  
Now since I have solved your quest,  
I would like to take your leave,  
You all not fight again, I believe,”  
They said, “Yes lord! We apologize,  
Our decision of fighting was not wise!”  
Jesus gave a warm smile,  
As they stopped to think for a while.

Greed is a bottomless pit,  
Even if you have everything, it never fills,  
So people! Never ever have the greed,  
Everyone should have enough of the four needs,  
One should be satisfied of what he has, its agreed,  
After a limit, the needs should not exceed,  
All the four needs are important to feed,  
And to a satisfactory life, it leads.