

# Accosted by Robbers

When the father of the famous philosopher Immanuel Kant was an old man, he made a dangerous journey by foot through the forests of Poland to his native country of Silesia.

On the way, he was accosted by a band of robbers who demanded all his valuables. Kant's father turned over all that he had as the robbers repeatedly demanded, "Have you given us everything?"

Each time, the old man replied, "All."

They allowed him to proceed, threatening to kill him if he revealed their deed.

After hurriedly walking several hundred yards down the road, the man felt something hard strike his shin. He suddenly remembered that he had sewn a gold piece into the hem of his robe several years ago. At once, he hurried back to the robbers and said to them, "I told you what was not true; it was unintentional. I was too terrified to think. Here, take the gold in my robe."

To Kant's astonishment, none of the robbers made a move to cut open the hem of his garment. Rather, one went to his saddlebag and handed him back his purse of money. Another restored to him his book of prayer, and still another helped him back on his horse.

In the end, the robbers asked him for a blessing before he rode away.

Inside, people can recognize God's goodness when they see it. It moves people and inspires them. It changes lives.

People may doubt what you say, but they will believe what you do.

– Beecher Hunter