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**Wealth Teaching:** Wealth flows when ego is absent. Pure intention attracts prosperity. Giving with love multiplies wealth.

## **2. Draupadi's Akshaya Patra - The Law of Infinite Supply**

During exile, Draupadi prays to Krishna when sages demand food after the vessel is empty. Krishna eats one last grain, and instantly the Akshaya Patra overflows again feeding thousands.

**Wealth Teaching:** Even one grain of gratitude can unlock unlimited supply. Scarcity dissolves when faith replaces fear. Divine abundance

activates after responsible effort.

### **3. Kubera & the Lost Prosperity - Burning One's Own Wealth.**

Kubera, once extremely charitable, becomes greedy. His wealth declines. He realizes that wealth must circulate, not stagnate. By resuming charity and devotion to Lord Vishnu, his prosperity returns.

**Wealth Teaching:** Hoarding blocks financial flow. Charity keeps wealth alive and multiplying. Attachment destroys abundance.

**Wealth Rule:** "What you block, you lose. What you circulate, you multiply."

### **4. Karna - The Wealth That Escaped Through Over-Giving**

Karna donates everything, even his divine armor to Indra. Though spiritually great, he lost material protection, leading to downfall.

**Wealth Teaching:** Charity without discernment leads to poverty. Wealth must be protected as well as shared. Boundaries are essential for financial survival.

**Key Rule:** Charity must be done with wisdom + capacity, not emotional guilt.

### **5. Yudhishthira & the Rajasuya Yagna - Wealth Through Dharma**

When Yudhishthira performs the Rajasuya Yagna by following dharma, the entire kingdom prospers—rainfall, crops, trade, and gold increase.

**Wealth Teaching:** Wealth built on ethics lasts for generations. Righteous leadership attracts abundance automatically Dharma is the root currency of prosperity.

### **6. The Khandava Forest & Maya Sabha - Wealth from Skill & Innovation**

After helping Maya, the Pandavas receive the Maya Sabha, a palace of illusion and unmatched beauty. It symbolizes wealth created by knowledge, not inheritance.

**Wealth Teaching:** Skills create more wealth than luck. Innovation

attracts high-value prosperity Intellectual wealth never declines.

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Leaving the bewildered prince behind, Krishna walked the dusty path to the humble cottage of Vidura, the Prime Minister. Vidura was not home, but his wife, the pious Sulabha, opened the door. When she saw the dark-skinned Lord standing in the frame of her simple doorway, holding the universe in his smile, time seemed to stop for Sulabha. She was overcome by a wave of *Bhakti* so powerful it

drowned her senses. Her hands trembled, her breath hitched; the King of Kings was in her hut. She sat Him on a wooden plank and frantically searched for an offering. She found only a bunch of bananas. Sitting at His feet, she began to peel the fruit. But her eyes were locked on Krishna's face—that radiant, compassionate face that seemed to contain the moon and stars. She was so lost in the ocean of His beauty that her hands forgot their duty. In her trance, she threw the sweet white fruit onto the floor and offered the bitter, fibrous yellow peels to the Lord.

And Krishna? He ate. He accepted the peels with the delight of a child. He chewed them slowly, relishing them as if they were the rarest nectar of the heavens, for they were seasoned with a spice not found in Duryodhana's kitchen: pure, unadulterated love. In the midst of this divine trance, a strange mist seemed to settle over Sulabha's vision. As she handed Him another peel, Krishna's form shimmered. For a fleeting heartbeat, the dark face of the Lord vanished, replaced by the white, noble visage of **Lord Nandi**. Sulabha blinked, her mind floating in a haze. '*Why is Lord Nandi, the Great Bull, eating these peels?*' she wondered innocently, her logic suspended. It seemed only natural that the Divine Bull would enjoy the rough fodder. But as quickly as the thought arrived, the mist cleared. The face of Krishna returned, his eyes twinkling with a secret amusement, and the memory of Nandi dissolved like morning dew. She simply continued to feed Him, soul to soul. Suddenly, the entrance door creaked open. Vidura, rushing in with a face full of joy at the news of Krishna's arrival, stopped dead in his tracks. His smile vanished, replaced by horror. "Sulabha!" he cried out, his voice shattering the silence. "What madness is this? You are feeding the Lord garbage while throwing the fruit away!"

Sulabha snapped out of her ecstasy. She looked down at the pile of

white fruit on the floor and the empty peels in Krishna's hand. Mortified, tears stung her eyes. Vidura rushed forward, snatched a fresh banana, and offered it to Krishna, apologizing profusely. Krishna took the fruit and took a bite. He chewed it thoughtfully, then shook his head with a gentle smile. "Vidura," the Lord said softly, "This fruit is good. But it is merely a fruit." He looked at Sulabha with infinite kindness. "It does not taste as sweet as the peels your wife fed me. For the peels were steeped in love, and the fruit is only steeped in nature. I do not hunger for what you give me, Vidura; I hunger for *how* you give it."

In that humble hut, amidst the scent of discarded bananas, Vidura—who was Dharma incarnate—realized the eternal truth once more: The Lord does not look at the object in the hand, but at the feeling in the heart.

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