

Case No. 1

A man who embezzled money from his company for personal and gambling expenses

A Man at a Loss

On one winter day, Mr. Yamashita, 42, knocked on the door of Kakekomidera. The gentle-looking man mumbled that he needed help.

According to Mr. Yamashita, he came to Tokyo because of the higher wage, and got a living-in position in suburban Tokyo. He has been working at the same company for seven years.

One day, while he was out collecting bills, he took some money to bet on the horses. He was not fired on condition that a certain amount should be deducted from his salary until the loss is covered.

Before he pays off the debt, he embezzled money again. He said that he was stressed out because of a salary cutback and too much workload, and got insomnia. He couldn't resist the urge to gamble, for a change.

Settling Problems

It's easy to spot those who have problems even in the crowd of Kabukicho. They repeatedly walk up and down in front of Kakekomidera. Mr. Yamashita was among them. However, we cannot help them unless they open the door and come inside.

When Mr. Yamashita finally entered Kakekomidera, he said that he wanted to visit Kabukicho, the biggest entertainment district in Asia, before he dies. We asked him where and when he wanted to die, and what he would say to his parents, etc.? By answering these questions, he began to see things clearly. Lastly, we suggested him to call his company's president. Once he tells the president what he has done, He could do anything he wants.

A few days later, Mr. Yamashita called to thank us. The president kindly gave him another chance, and Mr. Yamashita was lucky not to lose his job.

Taking Responsibility

It is easy to start something, but not so easy to end it. Some people run from

it, and some ask others to take care of it.

When you arrange your marriage, you should file your divorce yourself. Having a lawyer involved often causes disputes. You try to avoid your partner because you don't want to tell him/her that you don't love him/her anymore, then your partner won't let you go easily. It's YOU who need to tell the whole story and apologize.

Once you decide to start something, you should put an end to it. You need to build a habit of taking responsibility for your actions.

Tips from Gen

Overcoming your weakness is the key.

Face the reality, accept facts and faults of things you have done, and never run away. These are the basics to settle problems.

We are here to listen to your story and help you lessen your anxiety. Then you go and apologize for your act, and discuss in good faith how you can make up for the loss.