

How Mr John Became A Millionaire

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Mr John was a simple farmer who planted his vegetables for a living. He planted cabbages, okras, pumpkins, carrots and other vegetables. But his crops were always small and were not of a good quality to sell to others. However, he always shared his vegetables with his friends and neighbours hoping that some day he would receive a blessing.

One day the Ministry of Agriculture was having a workshop on the Planting of Cassava and Cassava Products, so Mr John decided to go and participate in the workshop to learn about something new. When he went, he was interested in what he heard and decided to plant cassava instead of the other crops he had.

Mr John tilled the soil and put some manure for the first time in his ground. Then with the help of other farmers he planted his cassava sticks. After several months of tending his cassava plants, Mr John was amazed at the wonderful cassava tubers he had. He started to make cassava products such as cassava bread, cassava wine and cassava beer. He sold them locally and was doing well. He wondered if he could make a bigger profit from his little products. He then had an idea to try and sell his products in the neighbouring islands. When he did that he found out that the people in the islands loved his products. Seeing this Mr John decided to make his business into a bigger one.

Mr John planted ten acres of cassava. He opened a factory to store and make his products. He exported his products all over the Caribbean. His business grew and his profit grew. He saved his money and he then became a millionaire from planting cassava and making cassava products.

The lesson is to try your luck and save your money.