

BE HUMBLE

A so-called learned man approached a saint and began to exhibit his knowledge. He continued for a quite long time and at last said to the saint, "I too want to learn from you". The men were thirsty. The saint put before him an empty glass and asked him to water into the glass. On this, man said, "the water is flowing". Then the saint posed a question. "Is there possibility for more water here?" the natural answer was 'No'.

"Why" asked the saint.

"As the glass is already full" answered the so-called learned man. The saint said, "Like this your mind is also full and so you can't take anything more from me. If you really want to receive from me in that case you will have to unload what you keep".

Hearing this the learned man got ashamed of it. He began to repent over what he did. Humanity is the root of all other virtues. Only a humble man can have other virtues in life. A man devoid of humility, i.e. a man who is proudly and stubborn cannot achieve anything remarkable in life. A humble man succeeds every-where. One who wants to achieve something remarkable, one must first of all be humble. Without bowing its head it can never get filled in. In the well, the bucket when bows, then it gets water and filled up and then comes out of it fulfilled. And when it tilts, i.e. when it exhibits its ego, then the water goes out of it and it becomes short of water. Undue pride and ego are the signs of decline. Whatever we have got is the result of the Almighty's blessings and so we must refrain from such things in life.

Whatever we have got is due to our past deeds. And they are permanent in nature. All the wealth, prosperity that we possess today is but temporary. It is to vanish sooner or later. It is therefore worthwhile not to feel proud of it unnecessarily. It is futile to be egoist. Any rich man can turn to rags within no time. He can be a beggar within no time. Realizing this thing one must rise above ego feeling.

Never allow your pride to rise even if you have got beautiful face and never neglect one who has nothing of this thing. Remember your beauty is also not everlasting. The sun of your youth is shining in the noon it is all right, but when it will bend towards the west you yourself would not like it. Nobody would look at you with pleasing eyes.

Don't trouble any weak although you are strong. Never try to overpower them. Your strength is not meant for such a thing. Your strength must be utilized to uplift others. A proud man's strength does not remain intact for a long time.

In spite of wealth, strength and power if one remains humble one is respected and admired by one and all. As a matter of fact it is not the wealth that is truly respected, likewise it is not the adored, but it is the humanity that always matters. A man who is devoid of it is worthless he is not liked by anybody in the world. A wealthy man may attract some one for a moment, he may come on one's tongue for a moment, but that is very much temporary. But in the heart of the people only a humble man establishes.

Digested food gives us energy and otherwise it is poisonous, similarly digested knowledge brings about humility and otherwise it generates ego.