

## A GESTURE OF GREAT GENEROSITY

Life of a human being is very short and during that short time, to get convinced into right path is a blessing to some, one among millions..... indeed a next birth !. Then, treading through the Divine Path is a rare opportunity one should be blessed to follow.

However, understanding is different and implementation is different. Both are two separate things. Lot of people capable of doing many good things, rarely listen to elders' advise. Sometimes a few people may listen, but, it takes a lot to really get them into practice !

How gifted is that person having chosen by an Acharya, started to realise and readily respond in tune with the noble motive ordained by him !! That person quickly gets converged onto the right path and is more loved by the God Supreme. It is more than doing a number of holy acts, a number of Yagnas and other rituals. May such great inspiration be blessed on all of us. One should be born with such a divine instinct !! Otherwise, such a thought of charity, dedication or faith never crosses the mind of a person. Infact, every person is blessed with it !

One might have become scholarly in Sasthras, have practiced yoga, meditation etc., have constructed big temples etc., have gained a lot of knowledge in rituals etc., have visited a number of shrines or has become a famous preacher, or has become a wealthy person, but, if such a gesture of generosity filled with faith and dedication towards the noble mission of a right Acharya of Vedic lineage, is not there, all the practices said above are similar to businesses and/or selfish acts that never directly lead to the final purpose of life than merely satisfying temporary desires

and wishes.

If one really has that firm conviction and faith in such an Acharya, it comes out in the form of some service ( as ordained by him ) in tune with the mission of Acharya, at the best of ones capacity and it is equivalent ... infact more ...than doing all the above listed activities. Because God is obedient to such a true Acharya ! Every activity taken up by such an Acharya is for some noble cause that not only aims at the welfare of the people, but also bears an attracting beacon light to lead all the souls onto the Divine Path of Bliss.

Not expecting any sort of self-benefit from a charitable act or some service is the sign of purity. Responding to the call of Acharya is the first sign of faith in God. Taking active part in his noble mission, with humble generosity is the sign of faith and dedication. Serving the ordained purpose, as expected to be done, (however mean or great the activity might appear to be), exclusively with Love and Dedication towards Acharya is the sign of true service.

A real devotee never claims any ownership/ doership over the service he/she does. Howmuch ever a mother decorates her baby, she still never feels satisfied with the beauty, so also a devotee never feels satisfied with howmuch ever service he does though he dedicates all the time, wealth and efforts in serving the mission of Acharya. Because his service is an act of Love and dedication, not an act for profit or benefit or self satisfaction or an act of business. Blessed are such souls. Aren't we ??

Here is an example of such a blessed soul recently we met with. A girl of young age (16Yrs) by name Kum. S. Swetha D/o Hari Surapaneni belonging





to a well settled Indian family at Sanfrancisco, USA showed such an act of generosity and eagerness to serve the noble purpose ordained by our

Acharya. The moment HH Sri Swamiji announced the project of Gurukul Schools to serve the Tribal children in the remote areas living far from the society, with right education, she firmly came out with a straight thought to contribute her gift amount for the purpose. It's a sizeable amount of US\$30,000 that any person of that age(16Yrs) who knows the value of it, usually never thinks to donate, for whatever cause it be. ***Even generous Millionnaires think hundred times before they do a little for the sake of the society!*** It is a horripulating experience, that, she took it very casual and expressed her humbleness to accept it for the project. It is a dream amount for a girl of that age, given by her father on the occasion of her birthday to buy a car which is a necessity in countries like US.

Jeeyar Educational Trust Central Committee Meeting was held in India during September 2003 at the newly established 'Varija' Asramam Visakhapatnam where HH Sri Swamiji is observing Chaturmasyam. JET members were all surprised at the gesture of generosity, such a young girl has in her mind. They all have passed a special resolution conveying her the Mangalasanams of HH Sri Swamiji. HH Sri Swamiji blessed her with great success in all her noble efforts such that she would be able to do many more service activities. They all congratulated her with their best wishes for such a great commitment and dedication she has, and they all conveyed their blessings to her.

The depth of servitude she

possessed, of course, for a noble cause, in response to the call of Acharya, can be understood from that act of generosity. Her father is already an active Vikasatarangini member promoting many activities conducted by JETUSA in USA. His commitment in service activities and also rightly giving training to their children too, on the same path, is really praiseworthy.

How many "**capable persons**" are taking part in such noble activities with selfless motive?.

If one realises the fact, a truth, one cannot resist from responding in someway or the other, at his best. It doesn't mean that every one should donate like that. It is the depth of dedication and commitment to the purpose that really matters. Some might have donated money, some their best wishes, some, their valuable time, and some, their valuable other resources. When a mother looks at her baby, she cannot resist herself without any sort of expression and also cannot stand still, folding her hands. It's natural love. Such is the Love, a devotee has towards God / Guru.

That depth of commitment for the purpose is what that is needed. That firm faith in Sasthras is what that is needed. Some people do in the name of service for themselves getting recognised, some do it for the sake of getting some sort of self benefit. However out of all, doing whatever, with utmost perfection for the 'purpose', expecting nothing in return is the best. This is what Lord Krishna said in Bhagavadgitha as nishka:ma karma.

Let us realise the blessings of our Acharya, who is giving us the opportunity to be a part of the Divine service that relinquishes us from our Karma bonds and lead us on the path of Divine.

Jai srimannarayana !

