

The Importance Of Self Contained Life Beyond Temptation

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Introduction

In the present age, atheist is not someone who does not believe in God but in reality atheist is someone who does not believe in oneself. The people who want to invent something new, create history and the people who believe in their own power are the people who have a long journey ahead of them and want to make it really far in life. Which is why it is correctly said that even an ant who walks slowly ends up covering miles. This ant progresses and helps the other ants in progressing by taking them with her. (1)

गच्छन् पिप्पलिको याति योजनानां शतान्यपि अगच्छन् वैनतेयः पदमेकं न गच्छति ।।

The person soars higher than the sky. The person with such great thoughts is also someone who puts in great efforts. Such hardworking people set a goal for their life. They never settle for less. They work hard to reach their destination. (2) Katha Upanishad says that such a person does not peacefully sit until he/she achieves what he sets out for. Sometimes even after knowing the behavior seems tough.

जानामि धर्म न च मे प्रावृतिः।

जानाम्यधर्म न च मे निवृतिः।

अवश्य भूषणं वेगो मत्तं स्याद गजभूषणम्।

चातुर्यं भूषणं नार्या उद्योगो नरभूषणम्।।

He thinks that he would not leave it even if he is done. He won't ever stop, he will keep walking and keep walking some more. The people who want to succeed already believe in their ability to do so. For every living organism there is a special someone that has been created for them. This whole world is God's property (3) which is our workspace which is why we need to say that,

नाक्षरं मंत्रहीतं नमूलंनौधिम्।

अयोग्य पुरुषं नास्ति योजकस्तत्रदुर्लभः।

Everyone has the right to dream of themselves succeeding. Every human wants to do something special in this life. Everyone wants to make the world aware of their own existence. Some people due to the fear of long term results, never start working on their plans. Only individual perspective can turn the impossible to possible. Vedas sing about the glory of independence. (4) Some people only think about achieving small things from the beginning. Some people will try to find the shortest path which would not lead them to success. Temptations test a man truly.

Very few people pursue the slow and steady path towards success. For these people the biggest problem to reach the peak of success is overcoming temptations. Temptation seems like a small word but it's nature can be disastrous. As easy as the word temptation sounds it could prove to be an obstruction or even fatal in the path of success. The people who steered clear of such temptations are the one who achieved success. The same way a single lion could cause complete chaos to a group of elephants. Or even separates them. The same way temptations are created to destroy everything. (5)

एवं प्रज्ञैव परमं बलं न तुपराक्रमः ।

यत्प्रभावेणनिहतःशशकेनापिकेसरी ॥

-महासुभषितसंग्रह

As a person starts clearing level after level successfully, he will find temptation standing at every step of it. At every step of success you will find a temptation. Truthful people do not get caught in the illusion called temptation because they have a different destination set in front of their eyes. Immature people give up trying to progress when they accept the success gained from the temptations. Treasured dreams are broken down. You need to sacrifice smaller things to gain the bigger ones in life.

कुलस्यार्थं त्यजेदेकमग्रा म्स्यार्थं कुलंजयेत्।

ग्रामं जनपदस्यार्थं आत्मार्थंपृथिवीं त्यजेत्॥

Now, the alarming thing is that people accept the success achieved from the temptations as real success. And gets joyful because of it. These people aren't even a bit dissatisfied about not reaching their destination. Feeling happiness after befriending an evil called temptation and experiencing joy after achieving such fake success is so weird, isn't it? But this is the truth. Many big hearted people with the purpose of becoming great fall prey to such temptations. A lot of us are just one among them. A tempted person is always unhappy. (6)

A lot of temptations were also announced by Ravana to Mother Sita. A young boy named Bhakta Prahlaad was also tempted by his father. The demon named Surpankha had also tempted the two Kumars. Bhishma had got the temptation to become a king and the temptation of marriage. Today, history is witness that there have been many great men who have received a series of temptations at every turn and have expressed their attachment to the count like a piece of clay. One has to live a hundred years separately. (7) Our ancient literature bears witness to many such temptations which are world famous.

For example, today the history has to be known about the mahatmas who sacrificed the state glory, Guru Gaadi, Senapati, Patrani princess, gift-saugad etc. To make an idea result-oriented, the supreme scholar Goethe has said that,

“Truly intelligent thoughts have been pouring into thousands of minds. But in order to make them our own, we must consider them deeply until they take root in our experience.”

- goethe

Lord Krishna tells Arjuna in the second chapter of the Bhagavad Gita that - O Arjuna, our senses are so strong and dynamic that they try to control even the minds of intelligent men by temptations. (8)

The child bird Jonathan Living, a character in Mira Bhatt's book Sagar Pankhi, can truly be a role model for all of us. One should learn from this child the ability to live beyond temptations. We have been falling into temptations since childhood. It is the culmination of restraint and a strong desire to reach the destination. If you don't have a chest burning fire to reach a certain destination, you will be stuck at every turn. Nowadays, being the enjoyment of technology, we keep getting stuck moment by moment. Our routines are also relaxed. We just waste our time, because we have not seen any specific dreams, efforts are always being made by us. More patience is needed to avoid temptations. No matter what the time of crisis, but never give up patience.

त्याज्यं न धैर्यं विधुरेऽपि काले

धैर्यात् कदाचिद्गतिमाप्नुयात् सः।

यथा समुद्रेऽपि चपोतभङ्गे

तां यात्रिको वाञ्छति तर्तुमेव ॥

Your charm will make you enjoy ultimate happiness and prosperity. (10)

Many people are developing around us. We too must have become an indulgence of temptation and sometimes we must have seen many people around us also becoming an indulgence of temptation. Getting a small job at a young age, studying

Getting married, getting a means of livelihood during the time of attainment of knowledge, etc. in the name of luxury, but friend, you are a traveler of the divine path, that destination is waiting for you. Don't stop, go ahead, keep moving forward.

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01) सं गच्छध्वम् सं वदध्वम् ॥

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(02) उत्तिष्ठत जाग्रत प्राप्य वरान्निबोधत। क्षुरस्य धारा निशिता दुरत्यया दुर्गं पथस्तत्कवयो वदन्ति॥

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(03) ईशा वास्यमिदं सर्वम्॥

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(04) यथा द्यौश्च पृथिवीच न बिभीतो नरिष्यतः। एवा मे प्राण मा विभेः॥- अथर्ववेद

(05) एकोऽपि सिंहःसाहस्रं यूथं मथ्नाति दन्तिनां ।

तस्मात्सिंहमिवोदारं आत्मानंवीक्ष्यसंपतेत् ॥

महासुभषितसंग्रह

(06) किं नानानरकैःकिं वायमयातनयापि च ।

यन्मौढ्यमेव सर्वाणिदुःखान्यासादयिष्यति ॥ -सुभाषितरत्नाकर (स्फुट)

(07) कुर्वन्नेवेह कर्माणि जिजीविषेच्छतं समाः॥

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(08) यततो ह्यपिकौन्तेय पुरुषस्य विपश्चितः ।

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(10) हिरण्मयेन पात्रेण सत्यस्यापिहितं मुखम्॥

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