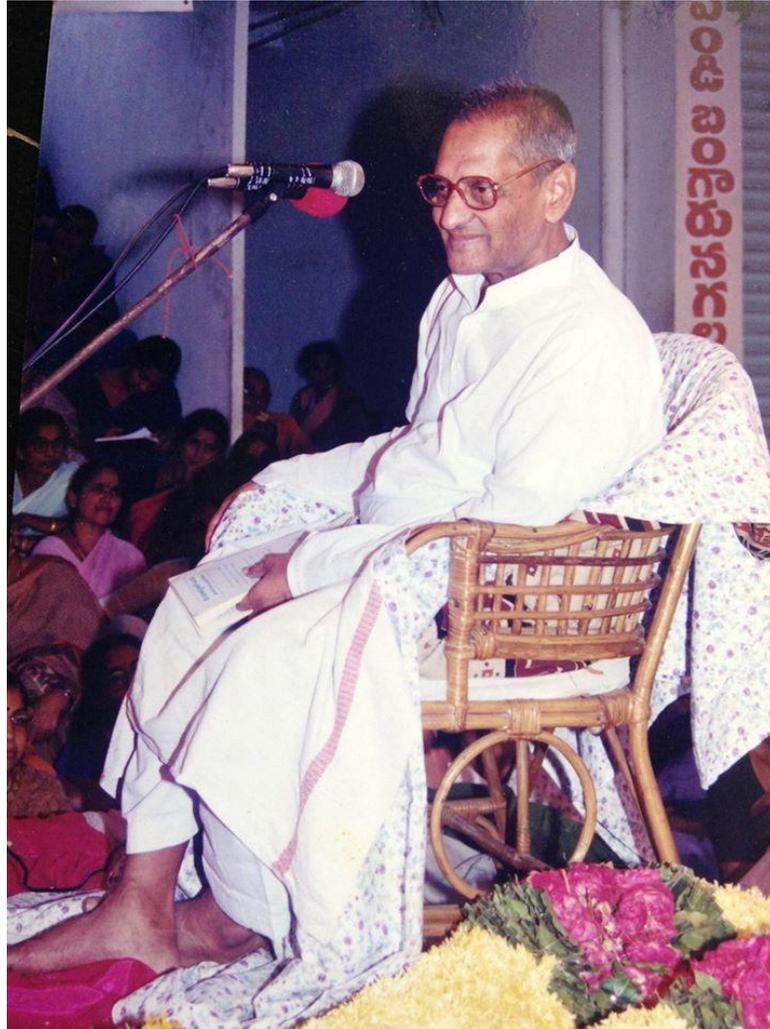




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- 🌸 Ramadasa constantly chanted the name of Rama. He said: “Whatever is achievable through various spiritual practices can be achieved through chanting the name of Rama.” The likes-dislikes get subsided through the constant chanting of the Rama’s name. There are several unknown filthy pits within your mind which can be cleansed with the chanting of Rama’s name. The flaws of the thinking faculty can be rectified with this chanting. Rama’s name is the bestower of Peace, Bliss and Knowledge.
- 🌸 If anyone salutes God for the fulfillment of their desires, do not disturb their devotion. Desire filled devotion also leads towards desire less devotion. When the desire gets fulfilled, one develops faith in God. Gradually they start realizing the transience of these desires and world and get diverted towards desire less devotion thereafter. Initially desire filled devotion is achieved which gradually leads towards desire less devotion. Desire less devotion aids in merging the mind within the Heart (the abode of Self).
- 🌸 One may pray God to get rid of their physical and mental ailments. Similarly one may pray God to get rid of their financial problems. Such people are referred to as aarthi and artha aarthi. They are referred to as Sakaama (desire motivated) devotees. Even Jignasas and Jnanis are devotees. But they are Nishkama (desireless) devotees. They need nothing else other than Jnana.
- 🌸 The Shravana (listening to God’s words) devotion purifies the mind, dilutes it and also sweetens it. Rama’s name should not be chanted mechanically. Do it with a concentrated mind and lovingly. Your good deeds and spiritual practices will not go in vain. They will aid you in the forthcoming births.

- 🌸 You will become recipient of Rama's Grace if you remain humble inspite of possessing everything. The name of Rama alone is sufficient if chanted whole-heartedly. It will lead you towards Immortality.
- 🌸 Every person is born with a tendency. Without tendency there is no necessity for a body. You will become a Jnani if you get rid of your tendency. But you lead your life fulfilling that tendency, enhancing it and get a rebirth thereafter.
- 🌸 The Lord has declared in the Gita: 'The Jiva is a part of me.' Therefore God gets pleased if the Jiva is adored.
- 🌸 Rama's name will bring in sense control, self control and reduce the external attractions. You will reach the shore of liberation effortlessly. As you are not aware of the power and worth of Rama's name, you are not chanting it. Ramadasa said: "If you understand the worth of Rama's name, how can you refrain yourselves from chanting it? How does it matter if your family life is full of innumerable hardships when you possess the wealth of Rama's name?"
- 🌸 The world visible to your eyes seems to be true and Rama seems to be false. It is all due to your Rajas. Whatever exists is one and only one (Brahman) which is visible in diversified forms and it is all due to your Rajas. Therefore try to reduce the Rajas. Habituate Sattva that aids in attaining Self Realization.
- 🌸 If you are honoured for anything, don't consider it to be a result of your good deeds. Consider it to be Rama's blessing. Irrespective of whether you are honoured or dishonoured, consider it to be Rama's blessing. Then your thinking faculty will remain balanced.

🌸 Rama's name will aid in subsiding the mind. It will cut down the mind. Your mind will remain undisturbed inspite of innumerable hardships if you have complete faith in the Lord's name. Therefore never give up the chanting of Rama's name.