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- 🌸 God cannot be secured without devotion. If you meditate upon either Lord Rama or Lord Krishna or any other incarnation, the mind becomes purified and secures devotion. That is its glory. Devotion begets recognition that there is someone called God, who is our Master and drives our lives.

- 🌸 Everyone presumes themselves to be independent and hence don't listen to God's words. Due to lack of past merit, you are unable to grasp His words. This is Kali dosha (defect arising due to dark-age). Faith in God's words cannot be secured without past merit and without having done selfless deeds in the past births.

- 🌸 Of all the animals, man is the greatest animal. The difference between the other animals and man is that God bestowed thinking faculty to this animal. If the best utilization of thinking faculty is made, this animal will secure humanity and then will become a man. Currently you have animalish faculty and not God related faculty. Lincoln said: 'Change your faculty in order to secure God related faculty'. You are eating food and the animals are eating green grass. You are living and the animals too are living. If you don't learn any lesson in life and if you are not useful to the society atleast to some extent, there is not much difference between you and an animal.

- 🌸 If your behavior is good, many people will learn from your good behavior. Behaviour is something that is given to others and respect is something that is received from others. Hence behavior and eligibility are great when compared to fame.

- ❖ Truth exists as one and false exists as variety. The false doesn't remain stable. The body is false. The mind is false. Though the body may seem to be healthy today, tomorrow it may become sick. Though the mind may seem to be healthy today, tomorrow it may get filthy thoughts. Therefore carefully utilize this body and mind in the service of God as well as in the service of the society.
- ❖ One cannot worship for all the 24 hrs. One cannot meditate for all the 24 hrs. One cannot perform Japa for all the 24 hrs. Hence the elders have suggested the concept of service. Perform your work and utilize the senses for the sake of others without keeping them idle. You will then become purified. Only the purest of the pure can experience the Inner Consciousness and the indwelling God. If the mind becomes as pure as the indwelling God, it will merge into the Heart resembling a flowing river that merges into an ocean.
- ❖ Disturbance and sorrow emerge from attachment. Without attachment you can neither be disturbed nor become sorrowful. If any of your family members become sick, perform your duty but don't become subject to disturbance. Don't become anxious. Perform your duty and leave it. Leave the result to God's will. There is no sin greater than attachment. If any person commits sin, it is only due to attachment. If there is no attachment, he will not even get the thought to commit sin.
- ❖ Buddha said: "If you get any filthy smell, you won't sit in that place. You will get up and go. When you are so concerned about the external foul smell, how are you able to sit near people with internal filth? How are you able to befriend the people possessing likes-dislikes and thereby

become subjected to mental torture? How are you able to sit near them? If you are habituated to this, it indicates that you don't have any spiritual strength.”

🌸 By giving up the 'i', the ego is lost. By giving up the 'mine', the attachment is lost.

🌸 Some people say: 'You have not brought anything when you were born. Similarly you cannot take anything after the death'. But these words are not true. It is because everyone brings their Karma when they take birth. God decides which body the Jiva has to get. It doesn't happen according to your wish. Your parents give you the physical body only but your Karma comes according to your actions. Bhagavan said: "If you were born with ten bad tendencies, though you may not be able to get rid of all the ten tendencies, ensure that you will get rid of atleast four of them, reduce the burden of your sins and then die”.

🌸 The Lord said in the Gita: "Keep aside the mind that creates hindrance in securing God Realization. Without doing it, why do you carry the mind? As long as you carry it, you cannot grasp My words. Keep aside your mind and listen to My words directly. Then these words will reach your Heart. But if you are mainly concerned with your merit-demerit and honour, you cannot grasp My words”.

🌸 If you are able to cultivate devotion towards God, you need not toil hard in the name of spiritual effort. Your mind will gradually get thinned. God merges such a mind into His Heart.

🌸 A devotee asked Bhagavan: “Do you also get dreams like us?” Bhagavan replied: “I do get dreams like you. But there is a difference between our dreams. When I get a dream, I am aware that it is a dream. But when you get a dream, you are not aware that it is a dream. As long as you don’t wake up, the dream seems to be true. Right now whether you talk or sit or eat (in the waking state)- all this seems to be true. But I am aware that even this (whatever happens in the waking state) is a dream. Therefore I don’t get deluded. I realize that this body is also a dream and not true. Whatever is not true is transient. Since I am aware that it is transient, there is no chance of getting deluded”.

🌸 Why do people get deluded? It is because whatever happens in the waking state is all but a dream. They don’t realize it but consider it to be true. Hence they get deluded. There is a Truth within the Heart. You may perform any amount of spiritual efforts. But as long as the mind (which creates all the illusions) doesn’t get merged within the heart, whatever is false seems to be true. Therefore the Lord said: “None can escape from the clutches of this Maya”.

🌸 No egoistic person can listen to the Lord’s words. They don’t feel like listening to them. The Lord’s words seem to be bitter for them. Only the egoless person listens to the Lord’s words and gets reformed. One who doesn’t listen gets ruined. Have reverence towards the Lord’s words. Have faith in them. Don’t become faithless.

🌸 The Lord has given us a lot of literature in order to get reformed. He has spoken several good words. How is it that you lack gratitude for Him? There will be some good people. They don’t even expect gratitude from

their fellow beings. Will the right hand expect any gratitude for the good done to the left hand? No. Both the right hand as well as the left hand belongs to this body. Only one Self exists and it is everything. God dwells as the indweller in those who do good as well as those who cause harm. It implies that God imparts you training through them. You have not come into this world merely for the sake of eating food or wearing clothes. You have come here to secure training.

- 🌸 There are several types of people in this society. Don't get attracted towards anything in this world. Take the Lord's words as the authority and try to get merged in the Ocean of Supreme Consciousness.
- 🌸 If you get anxious about anyone, you will always keep thinking about them. By that time, the death approaches. Then where is the time to perform spiritual practices? The reason for wasting the time is attachment.
- 🌸 Reduce the likes and dislikes. If you develop more love for one person and more hatred for another, the time gets wasted and the mind gets polluted. Don't waste your energy and time.
- 🌸 The Lord said: "The existing one always exists. The Non existing one doesn't exist. Even if you presume the existing one to be non-existent, it doesn't cease to exist. Even if you presume the non-existing one to be existent, it will not exist. This is certain". Whether you understand the depths of this sentence or not, contemplate upon this very well. Ensure that your thought, word and deed will not increase the mind.

- 🌸 Conquering the world doesn't mean conquering the land. Conquering the world means ensuring that the world related tussles and world related likes-dislikes do not enter the mind. World is a training ground. You have come here only to get trained.

- 🌸 You must observe whether: you have learnt any lessons from the life? How your behavior was previously and how is it now? Are you reforming your behavior or not? Are you working for the sake of God's Grace or not? Now don't get bothered by the world. Don't worry whether the world praises or rebukes you. You will get ruined if you think in that direction. Whoever garlands you today may throw shit on your face tomorrow. Such is the world. Leave the world. It is enough if you take shelter in the Lord who is the basis of you, me and all the five elements. He is only the Perumallu.

- 🌸 Perumallu is omnipresent. One cannot catch hold of the one who is omnipresent. One cannot adore the omnipresent Lord. Hence He is given a name and form and being worshipped. If you water a tree at its roots, the water reaches the branches and leaves also. Similarly if you go to temple and worship the Lord, it reaches the omnipresent Lord too. For the faithless people it is an idol. For the faithful people, it is only the Lord. Faithlessness is dust and faithfulness is wealth. Don't presume that it is merely an idol. This idol teaches both the self control and the sense control. Idol thus teaches you the good thinking faculty.

- 🌸 Once Swami Vivekanada was asked: "Do you believe in idol worship?" Swamiji replied: "If idol worship can convert a person into Ramakrishna Paramahansa, I do believe in such idol worship. If you all can reach the

state of My Guru through Idol worship, I have no objection in it.” Keep looking at Perumallu. Concentrate on His form. Chant the Lord’s name and remember His glory. Salute Him with your hands. Let your entire mouth be filled with His name. You will also become Paramahansa.

- 🌸 Whatever you do, do it devotedly, with devotion, yearning and concentration. Do it not for the sake of others but for your own reformation. The secret here is: rather than building hundreds of cottages or giving crores of rupees in charity, if you can earn Self Realization, purity, chastity and the required eligibility, innumerable people will get reformed.
- 🌸 You must not be visible on the screen but the work should happen. It is only referred to as work without doer-ship. Wonderful work happens through such person as he is most impersonal. A person without the sense of doer-ship alone can do such work. When there is doer-ship, such work cannot be done.
- 🌸 You got habituated being very near to the world and being far away from God. Now perform spiritual practices in a manner that you will get distanced from world and become near to God. This is the goal of all the spiritual practices.