

mind has to be kept as fresh and pure as a flower is more conducive to spiritual growth and enlightenment than offering a heap of it on the altar. The knowing man has less of the problems of life than the ignorant one. It is knowledge to intuit that one is Atman and not body. In that knowledge the karma of that individual gets absolved.

He is truly a man who has made money his slave, he is not fit to be called a man who does not know how to make use of money.

— Sri Ramakrishna

What other attitude aids the growth of knowledge and wisdom? The answer comes :—

The Supremacy of Knowledge — 34-39

तद्विद्धि प्रणिपातेन परिप्रश्नेन सेवया ।

उपदेक्ष्यन्ति ते ज्ञानं ज्ञानिनस्तत्त्वदर्शिनः ॥ ३४

तत् विद्धि प्र-नि-पातेन परि-प्रश्नेन सेवया ।

उप-देक्ष्यन्ति ते ज्ञानम् ज्ञानिन तत्त्व-दर्शिनः ॥

*tad viddhi pranīpātena pariprasnena sevayā ।*

*upadeksyanti te jñānam jñāninas tattva darsinaḥ ॥*

तत् *tat* that विद्धि *viddhi* know प्रणिपातेन *pranīpātena* by long prostration परिप्रश्नेन *pariprasnena* by question सेवया *sevayā* by service उपदेक्ष्यन्ति *upadeksyanti* will instruct ते *te* thee ज्ञानम् *jñānam* knowledge ज्ञानिनः *jñāninaḥ* the wise तत्त्वदर्शिन *tattva darsinaḥ* those who have realized the Truth

Seek that enlightenment by prostrating, by questions and by service; the wise, the seers into the Truth will instruct you in that knowledge.