

anapekṣaḥ śucir dakṣa udāsīno gatavyathaḥ ।

sarvārambha parityāgī yo madbhaktaḥ sa me priyaḥ ॥

अनपेक्षः *anapekṣaḥ* free from wants शुचिः *śuciḥ* pure
दक्षः *dakṣaḥ* expert उदासीनः *udāsīnaḥ* unconcerned
गतव्यथः *gatavyathaḥ* untroubled सर्व आरम्भ परित्यागी *sarva*
ārambha parityāgī renouncing all undertakings यः
yaḥ who मद्भक्तः *mad bhaktaḥ* my devotee सः *saḥ* he मे
me to me प्रियः *priyaḥ* dear

He who has no wants, who is pure and prompt, unconcerned, untroubled, and who is selfless in all his undertakings, he who is thus devoted to Me, is dear to Me. 16

That man is free from wants who does not seek after sensual pleasures. He becomes pure to the extent he rids himself of all sensual pleasures. When the thought, word and deed of a man are not contaminated by sensuality he is established in purity. To be prompt in the discharge of duty is possible only for him who lives a disciplined life. Even a very grave crisis, suddenly sprung upon him, does not confuse his understanding; he handles it promptly as he ought to. Worldly people behave in one way towards friends and in quite another way towards foes. But the devotee of the Lord is unconcerned whether those he deals with are friends or foes. He behaves in the same simple and straightforward manner with one and all. His dealings being clean he remains untroubled by their consequences. Serving the Lord being his sole motive, he is selfless in all his undertakings. He has everything to dedicate to the Maker and His beings; he has nothing to ask of them. Therefore he is dear to the Lord.