

He who is not deceived by his own mind—a person such as he alone, gains access to the divine presence of the Lord. The point comes to this an attitude free from guile and deceit and a devotion true to the core — these are the means to take one Godward.

— Sri Ramakrishna

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*yo na hr̥syati na dvesti na śocati na kāṅkṣati ।*

*subhāsubha parityāgī bhaktimān yaḥ sa me priyaḥ ॥*

य. *yaḥ* who न *na* not हृष्यति *hr̥syati* rejoices न *na* not द्वेष्टि *dvesti* hates न *na* not शोचति *śocati* grieves न *na* not काङ्क्षति *kāṅkṣati* desires शुभ अशुभपरित्यागी *subhāsubha parityāgī* renouncing good and evil भक्तिमान् *bhaktimān* full of devotion यः *yaḥ* who सः *saḥ* he मे *me* to me प्रियः *priyaḥ* dear

He who neither rejoices nor hates nor grieves nor desires, renouncing good and evil, full of devotion, he is dear to Me. 17

The worldly people rejoice obtaining things pleasing to the senses; but the lover of God does not behave as they do. They hate them who create unwanted situations; but the devotee pays no heed to bad people and unpleasant situations. He does not grieve when he is deprived of worldly possessions nor does he desire to procure them for his personal enjoyment. His intense devotion to the Lord admits no other desire into his heart. He is free from the notions of good and evil, even as an