

*67. This is never to be spoken by you to one who is devoid of austerities or devotion, nor to one who does not render service, nor to one who desires not to listen, nor to one who cavils at Me.*

In almost all scriptural texts we find, in their closing stanzas, a description of the type of students to whom this knowledge can be imparted. Following faithfully this great tradition, here also we have this enumeration of the necessary qualifications for a true student of the Geeta. These are not so many fortresses raised round the treasure-house of the Geeta in order to protect some interests and provide some people with a kind of monopoly in trading upon the wealth of ideas in these discourses. On the other hand, we shall find that these qualifications are essential adjustments in the inner personality of the student. And a bosom so tuned up is the right vehicle that can daringly invest that knowledge in living one's life and thus earn the joy-of-' wisdom.'

THOSE WHO DO NOT LIVE AN AUSTERE LIFE --- Those who do not have any control over their body and mind; who have dissipated their physical and mental energies in the wrong direction and have thus become impotent bodily, mentally and intellectually --- to them "NEVER IS THIS TO BE SPOKEN BY YOU"; for, it will not be beneficial to them. There is not a trace of prejudice in this stanza. It is equivalent to saying "please do not sow seeds upon rocks," for, the sower will never be able to reap, as nothing can grow on rocks.