## Holy Geeta by Swami Chinmayananda

themselves in opposition to the planned schemes of a man of will and dash. In no such condition will a true *Kshatriya* feel nervous. He never leaves a field which he has entered; if at all he leaves, he leaves with the crown of success!

GENEROSITY (*Daanam*) --- Governments or kings cannot be popular unless they loosen their purse-strings. Even in modern days every government budget in all democratic countries has amounts allocated under heads which are not discussed and voted. A man of action cannot afford to be miserly since his success will depend upon his influence on a large number of friends and supporters. The glory of a prince is in his compassion for others who are in need of help.

LORDLINESS (*Ishwara-bhaava*) --- As a rule, without self-confidence in one's own abilities one cannot lead others. A leader must have such a firm faith in himself that he will be able to reinforce other frail hearts around him with his self-confidence. Thus, lordliness is one of the essential traits in a *Kshatriya*. He must waft all around a fragrance of brilliance and dynamism, electrifying the atmosphere around him. A king is not made by his golden robes or bejewelled crown. The crown, the robe and the throne have a knack of electing for themselves a true wearer. Lordliness is the hallmark of *Kshatriya*.

These eight qualities --- bravery, vigour, constancy, resourcefulness, promptitude, courage in the face of the enemy, generosity and lordliness --- are enumerated here