



Chairman's Communication

My Dear Students,

I have immense pleasure to communicate with you once again through this column. I thank all of you from the depths of my heart for the excellent, appreciative and heartwarming responses that have come pouring in from various parts of the country. As the festive season

of Dussera, Saraswathi Pooja and Diwali draws near, I wish each and every one of you be blessed by both Goddess Saraswathi and Goddess Lakshmi in equal measure.

POINT TO PONDER

"Nothing great is ever achieved without enthusiasm." This famous quote is a truism uttered by Ralph Waldo Emerson. He also opined rightly that enthusiasm and success go hand in hand. An enthusiastic person radiates positive energy and this is reflected in his speech, talk and manners. A successful person is one who has harnessed a deep seated belief in himself so that whatever happens, he is sure that in the end he will win. The desire to succeed, achieve & excel and the motivation to reach the top must come from within. You must internalise the desire, empower yourself with a vision of success and equip yourself with the necessary knowledge. Never lose sight of your goals and dreams. Tom Clancy had said ***"Nothing is as real as a dream. The world can change around you, but your dream will not. Responsibilities need not erase it. Duties need not obscure it. Because the dream is within you, no one can take it away."*** Remember you are the captain of your ship and you are the master of your soul. Hence, BE YOURSELF. In this context, I read a wonderful little poem about life which I would like to share with you.

"Above all, be yourself BE, but don't just exist. There's more to life than being just another name on the list. Be active, alive and adventurous, boisterous, brave and bold. Be confident, cool and clear headed, daring, decisive and determined. Be eager, earnest and eloquent, free thinking, fresh and fun-loving BUT, above all BE YOU!"

BOARD OF STUDIES CARES FOR YOU

Dear Students, Board of Studies has initiated series of pro-active student friendly measures:

- 1) Exclusive extra time of 15 minutes to read the question paper alone to act as a tension reliever and stress buster.
- 2) Book titled "How to Face CA Examinations? – A matrix of Winning Strategies" for IPCC/PCC/Final Students has been published.
- 3) Ready reference book "Chartered Accountancy – Global Career Endless Opportunities" and a brochure on "Chartered Accountancy Course – Global career opportunities through a premier professional Institute," published as part of the C.A. Awareness Programme.
- 4) Special motivation seminars, 16 National Conventions for CA Students, youth festivals, Regional, Sub-Regional and Joint Programmes with Universities are being organised.

TIPS TO BECOME A DISPASSIONATE, PRACTICAL, DOWN TO EARTH AND MATURE PERSON

1. Live in the present without being shackled by the dead past or the unborn future.

2. Perform deeds which conform to your thoughts and words.
3. Try to change things which you can, but live in peace with things that you cannot change.
4. Keep persevering despite setbacks.
5. Have the humility to accept mistakes gracefully.
6. Face disappointments and adversity without becoming bitter.
7. Be willing to give up an instant advantage in favour of a long term gain.
8. Moderation in temper is always a virtue, but moderation in principles is always a vice.
9. Respond to the needs of others with compassion.
10. Remember nothing in life is to be feared; it is only to be understood.
11. Remember anger begins in folly and ends in repentance.
12. Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune, but great minds rise above them.
13. Understand that Life is too short to be wasted in intolerance, hatred, prejudice and revenge.

ART OF CULTIVATING TRUE FRIENDSHIP

For success in life cultivate good and true friendship. It is said "A true friend is not like rain which pours and goes away; a true friend is like air which is sometimes silent but always around you." People say "Find good people and leave the bad ones"; but to cultivate good friendship – find the good in people and ignore the bad in them. Always see good in everyone. Don't magnify the faults of others. It brings peace in your life. Things don't change. So just change the way you look at them. When true friends meet, sound becomes music, movement becomes dance, smile becomes laughter, mind becomes meditation and life becomes celebration.

WRAP UP POINT

A C.A. Student once asked God "What surprises you most about mankind?" God replied "They lose their health to make money and then they lose their money to restore their health. By thinking seriously about the future, they forget the present, such that, they live neither for the present nor for the future. They live, as if they will never die and they die, as if they have never lived. It is time mankind realizes the fact that those who live for others only can live even after their death." The analogy is loud and clear. ***When we live for others, we live in their hearts forever. To be happy, don't do whatever you like, but like whatever you do. Happiness comes not from having much to live on but having much to live for.*** Difficulties in your life do not come to destroy you but to help you to realize your hidden potential. Any unique distinction you want to achieve in life may be outside your 'comfort zone', but it is always within your 'effort zone'. Working towards success will make you a master, but working towards satisfaction will make you a legend.

With Warm Professional Regards,

Forever, yours in service,

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