

Chapter 14

Understanding Oneself to Be Fortunate to Offer Lowly Service

One day, Yogi Maharaj took the sadhus and devotees to Narayan Ghat to bathe at this sanctified spot in the Sabarmati River. While the sadhus and devotees were bathing, Yogi Maharaj went to Babubhai Kothari, placed Harikrishna Maharaj's *murti* on his head with one hand, and began to pour water over the *murti* with his other hand. Then Yogi Maharaj said, "Sitting on your head, Shriji Maharaj will build the mandir."

Babubhai finished bathing and was changing into dry clothes on the river bank when Yogi Maharaj took his wet *dhotiyu* and said, "Here, let me wash this."

Babubhai was stunned but firmly held onto his wet *dhotiyu* and said, "How can I let you do that?"

Yogi Maharaj humbly replied, “It would allow me to serve Shastriji Maharaj’s blessed liberated souls like you.” Babubhai was astonished at Yogi Maharaj’s limitless love and inclination to understand the greatness of others.

Ahmedabad’s prominent devotee Vinayakrav Saheb’s wife intensely wished for her husband to pray to Shastriji Maharaj to grant them a son. Although Vinayakrav was unwilling to do this, one day, he casually mentioned it to Shastriji Maharaj.

At the time, Shastriji Maharaj told Yogi Maharaj, who was seated nearby, “Jogi! Pray that Maharaj wills a liberated soul to take birth at Vinayakrav Saheb’s house.”

Yogi Maharaj instantly began chanting the Swaminarayan *dhun* with this prayer in mind.

In his old age, Vinayakrav was blessed with a son, whom he named Rantidev. Shastriji Maharaj created such occasions to reveal Yogi Maharaj’s greatness, and Yogi Maharaj took

such opportunities to offer prayers to resolve the devotees' problems. His sentiments were so pure and profound that Shriji Maharaj always listened to him.