

# Chapter 14

## Through Physical Illness, He Cures Our Spiritual Illness

Govind Bhagat of Rajula introduced Vallabhbhai Bhikhabhai Tank to Yogi Maharaj during the festival. Vallabhbhai was originally a follower of the *margi panth*. So, when he became a *satsangi*, many of his acquaintances and other ascetics in Rajula became upset and said, “Break your *kanthi*. You have accepted the wrong path.”

Around the same time, Vallabhbhai had an explosive outbreak of boils all over his body. Thus, the *bawa* who was his former guru sent Vallabhbhai a message saying, “If you come to me and bow at my feet, I will cure your disease.”

Vallabhbhai replied, “I must be suffering from this illness due to my *prarabha karma*, but my faith will not waver, and my guru will cure the illness.”

Soon after this, the ascetic's wife was possessed by an evil spirit resistant to exorcism. Thus, Vallabhbhai sent the *bawa* a message: "If the *bawaji* comes to me and bows at my feet, by my guru's power, I will exorcise the evil spirit!"

Meanwhile, even as Vallabhbhai's disease continued to progress, his faith became even stronger. When Govind Bhagat prayed to Yogi Maharaj to cure Vallabhbhai of his painful disease, Yogi Maharaj said, "For Vallabhbhai, the defects of ten lives will be eradicated in this very life. Although the disease is incurable, in a few days, it will be gone."

Thus, Vallabhbhai was completely cured of his illness solely by Yogi Maharaj's grace.

Then, Shastriji Maharaj arrived in Anand and stayed at Motibhai Bhagwandas's house.

At the urging of Africa's Maganbhai, Ishwarbhai and Prabhudas Lalaji had come from Africa for Shastriji Maharaj's darshan. They had rented a car for `51 to take Shastriji

Maharaj to Gana. When Shastriji Maharaj found out, he became upset at their wasteful spending and instructed them, “Give the driver `5 and send him off.”

Only after Prabhudas Lalaji and Ishwarbhai pleaded with Shastriji Maharaj not to be upset did he calm down and say, “Instead of me, take Yogi Maharaj and go.”

Yogi Maharaj traveled to Gana and delighted everyone with his discourses in the evening assembly. All the devotees experienced the same bliss as if Shastriji Maharaj had come himself!