

Chapter 15

Upholders of the Guru's Every Word

In Ahmedabad, Prabhashankar Pandya often came to serve as Shastriji Maharaj's attendant. He had been drawn to Shastriji Maharaj from a young age.

One day, Shastriji Maharaj was asleep when he suddenly sat up and said, "Pandya! Yogi Maharaj is an extremely great soul. When I am no longer present, you should remain in his company." After saying that, Shastriji Maharaj returned to sleep.

The next day at 5 p.m., Shastriji Maharaj said, "Pandya! Go to Jogi and learn some Swamini Vato from him."

Prabhashankarbhai was leaving the room when he met Yogi Maharaj in the doorway. Prabhashankarbhai said, "Shastriji Maharaj has told me to learn Swamini Vato from you."

“Is that so?” said Yogi Maharaj with delight. “Come, let us sit.” So saying, Yogi Maharaj sat down right on the doorstep. Prabhashankarbhai was surprised by this, but before he had a chance to say anything, Yogi Maharaj immediately began to recite Swamini Vato. Thus, Prabhashankarbhai also sat down and began to repeat after Yogi Maharaj, “*Karod kām bagādine...* (One should ruin millions of tasks...)” Prabhashankarbhai thought that Yogi Maharaj’s life reflected the essence of this Swamini Vato. Otherwise, why would he neglect his work and instantly sit down to teach me the Swamini Vato?

“Yogiraj” could not tolerate even a second’s delay in following the guru’s commands because he embodied the essence of devotion to the guru.