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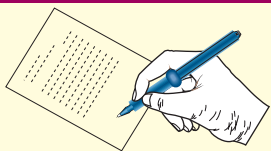
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Try to Prove Yourself the Best in Your Field of Work

There is a very important proverb : "There is always room at the top." There may be lack of space at the bottom due to the crowd. At the height there is the open sky; one who scales the heights must find a place at the top. Howsoever high the wall may be, there is always an opportunity to raise it higher. A place is always found for a higher officer in the densest crowd. It is clear that whosoever is able to reach the top will make himself comfortable there. The difficulties and obstructions coming in the way are not able to hamper his progress and disturb the free flow of his life.

Whichever the field of work may be, the best is always respected and glorified. A person who breaks the previous records in his field of action is bound to be acclaimed and carried on shoulders. All eyes are centred on him as if he were a piece of pure gold.

The law of nature is 'Survival of the fittest' i.e., the mighty one is bound to survive the other members of his class or species. The stronger one does not let live the weaker one and likewise the stronger one does not let live the strong one. Only the life of the strongest one may be free from danger or trouble. A scientist has rightly expressed this fact in these words : "There is no place for the lukewarm in nature." It means that there is no place for the mediocres in nature because both heat and cold are inconvenient for the weaker ones. Under the influence of either of them they are likely to collapse. Such persons are likely to fall on the ground like weak plants in a rough weather. We can see for ourselves that big and strong trees like Peepal and Banyan are able to survive the storms and squalls.

This is the rule of the world and everyday life that the person sitting at the highest pedestal is always invited and felicitated and everyone is anxious to catch his eye.

Those persons are worshipped like great personalities or even incarnations who were the best or foremost in their time and who had defeated their strongest adversaries and set aside an opposition. The life of that man is considered worth living who becomes the best in the field of his action. In other words, the person who sets an example in the field of his action is always honoured and remembered. That person is held in high esteem who sets those standards which were not reached in the past. Such persons are looked upon as ideals and ultimately they are taken as inspirations for the people in general. The sun and the moon are worshipped by humanity because they are the richest repositories of light. People hardly look towards those stars which are not rich in light or are mediocre in providing light.

There is always room at the top. Those who try to reach it are always honoured and remembered. Those persons are called great who struggle to prove the best in their field of action. Such persons leave foot-prints on the sands of time. Try to become like them. God has blessed everybody with great potential. The need is to know about it and mobilize it to enable you to reach the top and stay there.

This is a common experience of everyday life that everyone wants to get the best things. The best one is in demand everywhere and in every walk of life. Swami Vivekanand rightly said that "A square stone cannot remain lying on the street. Our young readers will do well to remember that their ability and capability will never go unnoticed. It is worth noting that the so called nine jewels of the court of Akbar are still remembered respectfully.

Two tendencies are common in the persons who do the best in life and are held in high esteem—(1) They constantly fight with difficulties and overpower them and (2) They are constantly trying hard to get their aim.

They put everything at stake and fight against the useless traditions and unnecessary customs and try to establish alternative systems with full enthusiasm and proceed on their chosen path.

They oppose with full force the old and present unnecessary things, knowing fully well that the society will put many obstructions in their way. They have the courage to face all the forces working against them and they ultimately become the men of the age. This is the story of all the great persons' lives that they declared their principles from the house tops. Often they may have to suffer the wrath of the society and even of the government. Strangely enough, they were acclaimed after their death and were remembered as martyrs. They were considered as makers of civilization and pioneers and were worshipped as heroes.

Our young men and women will understand that the best one has to choose his or her path and go alone on the way. You must be remembering these words of Sri Rabindra Nath Tagore "एकला चलो रे" —Oh, traveller, go alone.

Everybody has the potential to reach the top. An optimistic outlook on life and a measure of self-confidence buttressed by faith in Providence may enable you to extricate yourself from the rut of mediocrity and catapult you to the top. So tap your inner powers, mobilize all your resources and strive incessantly and unremittingly in order to reach the top, as there is always room there beckoning you to get there.

