

Absolute Faith-The Key to Success



Thinkers and strategists have come up with different recipes of success. Determination, hard work, discipline, etc. are some suggested factors. However, the one thing that actually distinguishes the victor is *'faith'*-to be more precise, *'absolute faith'*.

The singularity of the word victor is symbolic of the fact that in real tough situations, the number of people who emerge winners is very small as compared to the ones who do not. This is despite of all being almost equally competent. The winners' edge comes from the fact that while hundred out of hundred might be hardworking, determined or devoted, not all can be absolutely faithful. The quality of absolute faith is very difficult to imbibe, but absolutely essential in one's life.

Swami Vivekananda, the great Indian saint and philosopher had once said –

"He's an atheist who believes in God but doesn't believe in himself"

These century-old words are still so very relevant in this modern era. One who has complete faith in his ability can strive ahead continuously without tiring. Only he can afford to put a deaf ear to the taunts, the mockery and the destructive criticism that his jealous friends readily offer. Only he can overcome all the hurdles that come his way- for, his faith leaves no room for fear. Only he can take all minor setbacks in his stride and still forge ahead- for, his conviction doesn't allow him the liberty to look back...And therefore, only he can reach the summit – and that too as a much stronger personality.

If you thought that the above was just in reference to materialistic success, you are mistaken. Take the spiritual arena for example. You will never attain proximity to God unless and until your devotion to Him is total in every respect. Your surrender to Him must be absolute and without the slightest of reservations. Only from here onwards can one come under the light of His true charisma. There could be no better illustration of this than this small tale from the great epic *'The Mahabharata'*-

"The evil Kauravas had tricked the Pandavas to lose everything to them in that dreadful game of chausar-including their wife, Draupadi. The Kauravas in their fit of enmity decided to disrobe her in public. As she was being disrobed, her five brave husbands stood with their heads down, watching helplessly. Draupadi hung on

to one end of her sari with her teeth and called the supreme almighty, Lord Krishna, for help. But He just wouldn't come to her rescue-for, her surrender to Him was incomplete. Realising this, Draupadi let go the end of the sari that she was so dearly clinging to and she prayed again. This time the Lord did appear. Such were His blessings that the villains kept pulling the sari and it kept coming. They pulled, pulled and pulled until they dropped right there."

So dear friends, do whatever you want to do with absolute and perfect devotion. Doubts and reservations are but natural, but make sure you iron them out before you set out on your job. Once you are at your job, have full faith in yourselves and surrender the outcome to the wishes of the almighty. If you were honest up till here then you would have won half the battle on your own. And for the rest of the battle- I'm sure that He will win it for you.