



Study Circle - Loving God Series

Loving Heart, Not Money, Needed for Service - Part 2

Objective

To realize that a loving heart is the foremost requirement for true service and that money should be dealt with as little as possible in all Sai organizational activities.

Quotes

In rendering service if you try to do something which is beyond your capacity it is a sign of your ego. If you give less than what you can, then you are a thief (denying to others what is due to them). You must exercise discrimination in performing service. You must regard service as a spiritual discipline. Sathya Sai Speaks 17.16: July 14, 1984

The Sathya Sai Organization and its units must not collect money or material from those outside the membership. Fund collection is as much opposed to this movement as fire is to water. If you yield on this point, spiritual advance will perish. Let only members contribute. Do not ask all and sundry or anyone who is not a member of the center. Sathya Sai Speaks 11.24: May 14, 1971

We have for every unit a president, a secretary, a joint secretary and a treasurer. But I wonder why we should have a treasurer when we are not concerned with money. The name indicates that we have a treasure, which we have collected, which we guard and on which we rely. We deal with something much more valuable than money—love. Where money is collected and kept, misunderstanding grows, factions are rampant and love departs. Money and the ways in which people run after it have caused chaos in the world. Base your activities on righteousness and justice. Fill your hearts with divine love. Then I will shower grace and be ever with you. Where is the need for money for devotional singing, for meditation and for group devotional singing in the streets? For this, you require only legs to move, tongues to sing and hearts to receive the name of God. For special purposes and on special occasions, funds are collected only from members of the center. This has been the rule from the very beginning. It is the very basis of this Organization. For all other activities, you need no funds. You need only a loving heart, a pure heart, a wide heart. Sathya Sai Speaks 10.33: November 21, 1970

Suggested Questions

1. Swami says, "If you give less than what you can, then you are a thief (denying to others what is due to them)." What do you understand by this quote? How do we give less than what we can? How can we fix this?
2. Why do you think Swami is opposed to collecting money outside of our membership?
3. What are some repercussions that can occur?
4. What discrimination that Swami wants us to exercise while doing service? (in reference to quote 1)



Life Application

Think of a service that you can do with minimal money requirement and focus on applying love at every aspect of the service.

Affirmation

I will maintain loving attitude while serving.