

# **D**EDICATED TO THOSE PARENTS WHO GO TO WORK LEAVING THEIR CHILDREN SLEEPING

In the world, 99.99 percent people are so busy or engrossed in their work that they neglect their children, family, health and social obligations. By their indifference they achieve nothing but failures and depression in life. On questioning them their reply would be that they do everything for their family and children. But unfortunately due to the lack of the practical wisdom, financial intellect and moral education their life is full of bitterness. Dreams cherished all through the life remain dreams forever and show them the way to *Vridhashrama* (old age homes).

To earn money, when they go out in the rat race of life, their children would be sleeping. When they return home at night then too the children would be sleeping. Up to 25 years this process continues. But later on one day we find that all those children whom we leave sleeping go to some unknown destination or fall in bad company. Till the last moment of our life we will keep on regretting that: Why we mother-father could not make the child disciplined and why did not we give them moral education? So the most important things in our life are our children and our family towards which we are indifferent. This is sheer foolishness. A solid foundation and a healthy environment at home are undoubtedly the most valuable things that the kids can receive from their parents. To improve the capabilities of children it is essential that we spend double the time and half the

money on them. If we leave them sleeping and go to earn money; who will instill a sense of responsibility in the children and show them the right path to progress.

According to Chanakya: - **Such a mother is like an enemy and such father is like a foe, who doesn't give their children a good education.** Indian parents desire that their children supersede them. They want their kids to excel in every field. If they don't live up to their expectations, they put the blame solely on them. Whereas it is vice versa. All the shortcomings lie with the parents. When born, a child is like a plain sheet of paper. The responsibility of making him great and worldly-wise lies with the parents. Though all the seven notes of music are different in nature and characteristics but a musician combines them in an enchanting tune. The tune is in a way a type of harmony. Likewise, it is necessary to create harmony in children. And only their mother and father can do it.

Parents must not forget the importance of their kid's foundation. Lofty buildings owe their existence to the foundation stone, which remains hidden underground and holds the building without ever shaking or moving.

A child is the carbon copy of his parents. A child born today does not become a man five feet six inches tall tomorrow. Children are to be trained through character building, intellectual wisdom and practical knowledge. Preparation takes place right from the birth. No parents can suddenly say that—"we have done what we had to do, now take it up." You have to train the children through your behaviour, conduct and transfer of experience. Have confidence in children. Entrust responsibilities to them. Keep a watch on them lest they should stumble down. Let them face problems. Let them find solutions by themselves, but do guide them if they feel lost. These are some of the secrets necessary for the moral, intellectual and practical development. Lastly, don't make the kids a story, make them the hero of the story, who is the base of the story.

The law of nature is same for all. Nature makes them work at her will. These laws never fail. Only he can be successful who knows these laws and utilizes them with intelligence and wisdom to cover miles after miles on the path towards success.

Opportunity knocks at the door of every person. It can knock your door at any moment. But foolish man due to his inability fails to avail the opportunity. God is not partial that He provides for success to some people and less to other. Two people brought up in the same society and same family present different levels of success and merit only because the wise person recognized the opportunities and grabbed them to move ahead, while the other always missed the opportunities because of his foolishness. It does not make a difference whether the goal is big or small, however, while hitting the target, facing the challenge, talents and courage—all these make the difference. A small goal grows into a big one. You will certainly achieve success provided that you balance and focus your mind along with diligence, hard work, concentration and practice. The poor are poor because they become indolent banking upon fate and God. Opportunity goes back after knocking at their doors—and never returns.

In the context, therefore, the last words are no less important. Lines on a child's forehead warn the mother-father-

'It is still not too late.' If you let the opportunity go, the child will be spoiled. So guide them towards true wisdom. Direct them to proper way of life. It is also the duty of the parents to see how the arithmetic of the child would go to work in his favour.

Neither the logic nor the attitude and experience of the wise people are hollow. It is foolishness to think that the child will search his path. It is not important what you inherited as legacy. But the significant thing

is what you are leaving as legacy. If you leave a heap of wealth for him, it is an error, because it cannot provide the perfection to the child, rather you are making him useless. If your child has merit he would not need your immense wealth. What he needs is to be taught an art of 'flying high' in the sky, that is, the secret of success to lead a successful life.

—Ram Bajaj