

Jai Sri Krsna!!

### 3. Steadfastness in the Yoga of Knowledge (Gyanyog Vyavasthithi):

It is an intense aspiration to get established in the yoga of Wisdom of God. To be persistent in the practice of a yoga discipline with complete faith leads to Steadfast pursuit of yoga. Being in Yoga means being equipoised in Pleasure & Pain, Gain & loss, Respect & disrespect, Amity & Envy ie mainly transcending the dualities. This can be attained when the devotee with a steadfast mind surrenders himself to the God with undivided devotion and no other desire to its best.

The question arises as to why one would pursue it? Here an example can be given that when child grows up as adult, he stops playing with childhood toys and focuses on larger and bigger things that give him happiness. Similarly, here when Individual experiences the inner peace then external sensory pleasures seem too small. Then next question arises as to how does it apply to householders (Grahasth). From application standpoint; it is having a clear vision of our Goal (Self realisation or God realisation) and continuously strive towards it. For Gyani (Gyan bahkt or The Savant - ref sh17.16 & 7.17 for Savant definition) it's to remain steadfast in the One reality. A beautiful poem by great poet Rahim:

***"Pritam chabi nainan basi, Parchabi kaha samaay;  
Bhari Sarai rahim lakhi, aapu pathik phiri jaay."***

Having known Reality, there is no place for any other thing in such mind. Hence, one should demonstrate fearlessness (Abhayam) to say no any worldly activities which get in way of our Goal and with full purity of thoughts (Sattv sanshuddhi) get into the pursuit of our Goal through means like Swadhya, Satsang and Naam Jap and with steadfast mind to surrender to God and remain in that state (Gyan Yog vyavastithi). Remember, the development of divine properties in Self is a journey. As Auntyji said "***Increase your virtues so much that your negativities die off.***"

Hari Om!