

ABOUT THE DISCOURSE- #5 (part 3): Divine discourse delivered on, June 14, 1983 on the occasion of teacher training in Prashanti Nilayam. Here is the link for the discourse: <https://saispeaks.sathyasai.org/discourse/guidance-gurus>

Truth strikes root slowly, untruth spreads fast

The purification of the mind is attained through humility, integrity, and a sense of justice. The educational process prevalent now cultivates only the intellect of man; it does not unfold and cleanse the mind. An expansive mind is more laudable than an expert brain. One person shedding love is more desirable than a hundred hard-hearted companions. Reputation as a loving lovable person is to be striven for. Such reputation has its origin in little acts of love, tiny upsurges of compassion. When it expands and flows over vast areas, it becomes divine. Truth, too, is established in the heart from small beginnings growing steadily to purify all activities.

Falsehood grows quick and wild. When Truth is yet putting on its shoes, Falsehood would have travelled round the globe. Untruth spreads fast; Truth strikes root slowly. No one can hurry the process. One can track and trap a ferocious lion and be proud of it. But one cannot by one's heroism force a stalk to become a tree. It takes its own time to put forth branches, leaves and flowers, to fill the flowers with fragrance and to waft the fragrance to the four corners. This fragrance of the fundamental Divine nature in man is his true claim for greatness.

Teachers are the Sun which encourages the lotus buds to bloom and scatter fragrance. Their conduct and counsel are the rays which unfold the virtues and talents latent in the hearts of the leaders of tomorrow. Teachers have to fill their own hearts with good thoughts, good ideals, yearning for good deeds and devotion to God. When their hearts are reservoirs of these qualities, the taps, when opened, offer these only and children, who slake their thirst at the taps, are inspired to be likewise. Students need study only for a few years, but the teacher has to keep on studying for years and years, in order to be an efficient Guru. When one lamp has its flame steady and bright, hundreds of lamps can be lit therefrom.



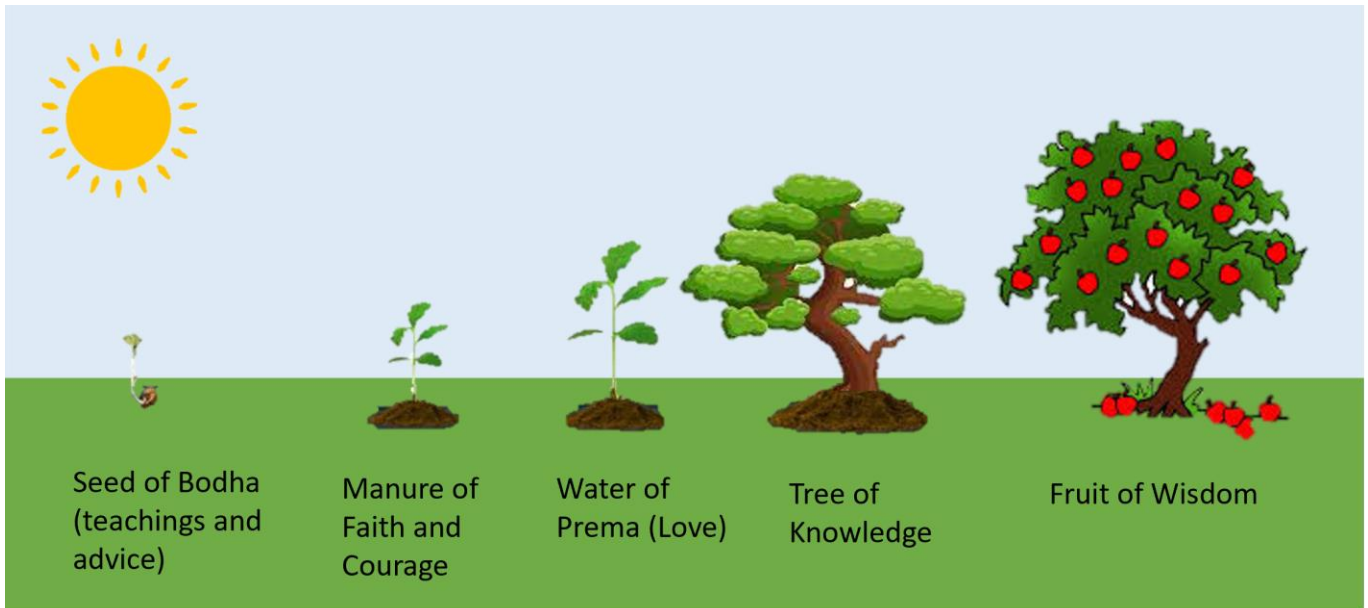
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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. How can humility, integrity and a sense of justice purify our mind?
2. Please share practical experiences on how an SSE teacher can spread love and be a role model in inspiring children to develop good virtues?
3. What are the ways we can develop an expansive mind over an expert brain?

SUGGESTED LIFE APPLICATION

1. Read regularly (daily/weekly) Swami's discourses addressed to the SSE teachers. [Guidance for the Gurus | Sri Sathya Sai Speaks](#)



We would love to hear your study circle experiences or any interesting questions/ insights that you would like to share. Please email us your sharing @ saispiritualeducation@sathyasai.us

