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तत्त्वमेव त्वमेव तत्

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उद्योगिनं पुरुष-सिंहमुपैति लक्ष्मीः
दैवेन देयमिति कापुरुषा वदन्ति ।
दैवं निहत्य कुरु पौरुषमात्म-शक्त्या
यत्ने कृते यदि न सिद्ध्यति कोऽत्र दोषः ॥

ಉದ್ಯೋಗಿನಂ ಪುರುಷ-ಸಿಂಹಮುಪೈತಿ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀಃ
ದೈವೇನ ದೇಯಮಿತಿ ಕಾಪುರುಷಾ ವದಂತಿ ।
ದೈವಂ ನಿಹತ್ಯ ಕುರು ಪೌರುಷಮಾತ್ಮ-ಶಕ್ತ್ಯಾ
ಯತ್ನೇ ಕೃತೇ ಯದಿ ನ ಸಿದ್ಧ್ಯತಿ ಕೋಽತ್ರ ದೋಷಃ ॥

udyoginaṁ puruṣa-siṁhamupaiti lakṣmīḥ
daivena deyamiti kāpuruṣā vadanti ।
daivaṁ nihatya kuru pauruṣamātma-śaktyā
yatne kṛte yadi na siddhyati ko'tra doṣaḥ ।।

प्रतिपदार्थः

उद्योगिनम् - Industrious पुरुष - Man सिंहम् - lion उप+ ई - to approach लक्ष्मीः - wealth दैवेन - by fate देयम् - to be given इति - and कापुरुषा - contemptible fellow वदन्ति - says दैवं - accomplishment निहत्य - to destroy कुरु - do पौरुषम - effort/ability आत्मशक्त्या - with his own best effort यत्ने-effort कृते- done by यदि - if न - no सिध्यति - accomplishment कः - who अत्र - here दोषः - fault

तात्पर्यम्

Lakshmi(Riches) go to that lion among men, who is industrious. Contemptible people say that wealth is to be given by fate. Overcome your destiny and put in best efforts by working hard. Who is there to blame if there is no accomplishment despite your efforts?

Patricia Narayan - An inspiration

(The Director of Sandeepha chain of hotels)

Patricia Narayan, daughter of Post & Telegraph employee and an employee of the telephone department along with her two siblings were based in Santhome, Chennai (Old Madras).

She married the love of her life but it turned out that her husband was only a wishful thinker and had no intention to work or to support their family. In the beginning, she felt devastated and dejected. However, she soon gathered courage, thanks to her positive attitude and an understanding that mere wishing for a comfortable life one cannot survive. She became pregnant within few

months of her marriage. She could not count much on her family. She had no money, no home and no help. She returned to her parent's home with her husband and her father was kind enough to house them for a while.

She took up what she loved the most, cooking. She prepared pickles and jams, which was sold quickly. She soon saw it as a lucrative opportunity. In the early days, it was lot of hard work. There were many days she went without any sale. Her father managed to get a mobile cart or kiosk from his office, free with a condition that she should train two handicapped persons and employ them too. Patricia grabbed the opportunity, and saw the possibilities of improving her clientele. She took her preparations out to the Marina beach, early in the morning to cater to the morning walkers. She would sell tea and coffee in the morning to the walkers. In the afternoons, she took meals etc. for sale. She worked in the morning from 5:30 to 9am. She would go back in the afternoon at 1pm and sell her preparations all the way to 11pm in the evening.

Soon she was given an opportunity to handle the canteen at the Slum Authority board by the Chairman who was a frequent visitor at the beach in the morning. To her credit, she grabbed every opportunity she came across.

Once as usual after a fight with her alcoholic husband, to find some relief she took a bus and got down at the last shop. Coincidentally the last stop turned out to be National Port Management training school which was run by the central government. She walked in, introduced herself as a caterer and bluffed that she had heard that they are looking of contractor. Apparently, they were and soon she was given the opportunity. She had to cater meals to 700 children. Since then there was no looking back, she earned Rs.80,000 in the first week and which became Rs. 1 lakh in the second week. Her son opened a restaurant and she helped her son to establish the same. At present, they run a chain of hotels called Sandeepha chain of hotels. There are 14 outlets running successfully.

She had to face various tragedies; she lost her daughter and son-in-law to an accident but never gave up. She took life in her stride and helped her son to succeed in his career too.

Patricia Narayan never saw challenges in life as hurdles and never left it to the fate to take its course.

Moral: Fate shines for those who never leaves everything to their fate.