

BE AN AGENT OF INSPIRATION

Life is best for those who are enjoying it.

Difficult for those who are analyzing it.

Worst for those who are criticizing it.

Our attitude defines our life. Life is a choice we create our life according to what we see life to be.

"Take up one idea, make that one idea your life, think of it, dream of it, and live on that idea. Let the brain, muscles, nerves, every part of your body, be full of that idea, and just leave every other idea alone. This is the way to success." (**Swami Vivekananda**)

Inspiration is a great feeling of evaluation, an awareness of varied possibilities. The person under inspiration feels that he or she has received some new ideas and better understanding. One believes that he or she is capable of doing something extraordinary or inspiring. When you begin to believe in inspiration, unlimited possibilities are open to you and you will discover ways and means to be an inspiration.

The great inspiration for us even at this modern era, Mahatma Gandhi, summed up his philosophy of life with the words, "**My Life is my Message**". His multifarious and dynamic personality was based on truth and nothing but the truth. Non – violence was another intrinsic element of this philosophy. In this principle of non–violence, Gandhi introduced a technique of resistance to evil and untruth. His Satyagraha is inspired by boundless love and compassion.

Some people seem to think that compassion or non-violence is just a passive emotional response, rather than a rational stimulus to action. They forget that Gandhi combined it with a sense of responsibility. He was not a mere onlooker but was an active participant. He first followed and then preached. He was a leader in real sense of the time. Whenever there was a risk to life he was at the fore front and never had a desire for power or wealth.

Sacrifice was the key word of his life. He lived a simple- need based life because he knew that needs have an end whereas greed is endless. Gandhi knew that "In times to come people will not judge us by the creed we profess or label we wear or the slogans we shout, but by our work, industry, sacrifice, honesty and purity of character." He also knew that man who wants freedom has to take tremendous risk. That was essence of his life, which is why he could say that "**My Life is My Message**".

To be an inspiration to others, first and foremost, dare to be different. You do not necessarily have to be a great achiever, creative or innovative, but be daring and different. Legends like St. Montfort, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Teresa of Kolkata, Holy Father Pope Francis, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela and many more believed that they could be and do ordinary in an extraordinary way. They were not scared to venture. Second, you have to be inspired. When you are inspired you will have that ability and mindset to be an inspiration. Third, be an authentic person. Be true to yourself. Do not act and pretend, but be proud of who are and what you do. Fourth, be a role model. When people take you as their role model, they trust you totally and so you will have to be open and honest. God almighty gave us life so let our life be a source of inspiration to our loving friends and student community.

"Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people." --*Eleanor Roosevelt*

As our Dr. APJ rightly said, "My message to the young people is to have courage to think differently, courage to invent to travel to the unexplored path, courage to discover the impossible and to conquer the problems and succeed. " These are the great qualities young people should work towards...learning gives creativity, creativity leads to thinking, Thinking provides knowledge, knowledge makes you great, Then you become an inspiration and a role model in the society...wherever you are ...Whatever mission you are asked to fulfill do your best and leave the rest to God.

Changing our selves and the world around us will apply equally to all if you make your bed every morning, you have accomplished the first task of your day. If you want to change the world, you must be your best in every challenging moment in daily life situations. Look for opportunity to love, smile and serve who are around you.

The final and most important of all is, never wait to achieve something to inspire. It is not your achievement that inspires but what you are and what you do here and now. Now is the time to inspire. Let your life be inspiring!



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