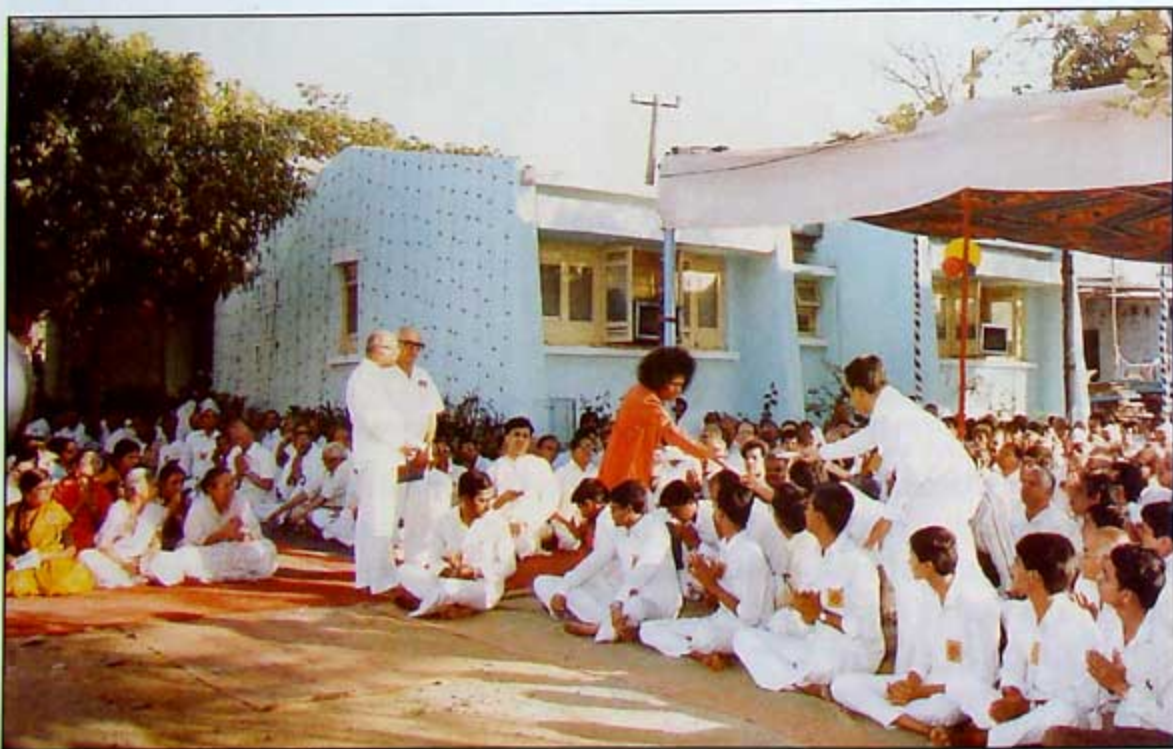


no use; they must be regulated by intelligence. All these are hard jobs. Practice alone can make you perfect - practice, not only in item of service, but, in meditation on the Divine.

Show each one the courtesy you extend to the guests you receive at your own homes. This is your home and they are your guests. Let them have sweet memories of their visit to Dharmakshetra and of the Seva Dal.

*This is an Adhyatmic Army, a spiritual platoon, engaged in cleansing itself. This movement must spread fast in India and march soon into oversea lands. Then, this Dharmakshetra will become a Prasanthi Nilayam, the Abode of Peace and Joy.*

*I know that you are serving with so much enthusiasm and joy, because it is Swami's work and Swami's service, in which you feel you are engaged. As a matter of fact, Dharmakshetra is yours, your own home. And, your hearts are my home! Swami will safeguard the purity of your heart which is His home! Now that you are carrying on this part of His Mission so satisfactorily, Swami will bless you with His Presence, around, beside, behind and before you. I appreciate the work that you and all others connected with the Dharmakshetra are carrying on.*



Bhagawan Baba giving Darshan to active members in Nandanvan (Sathyadeep Lawns) during one of His visits (1990)

will blossom when the light of Divinity illumines it.

“Na sreya niyamam vina”. No progress, without constraint! Control heightens power; regulation puts it into the best use. As volunteers trained and eager to serve, where the chance opens up, you are like the young men who were growing up in the Rishikul, the hermitage under the loving care of sages. Discipline comes to the rescue during crisis, when the world flows towards you, as a dark flood of hate or derision, or when those in whom you put your trust shun contact and shy away. Without discipline, the mind of man is turned into a wild elephant in rut. You have to catch it young and train it so that its strength and skill can be useful to man and harmless to life around.

At this period of life, when you are in the flush of youth with your physical, intellectual and mental equipment in perfect trim, you must resolve to keep it running on right lines, and not injuring itself. Discipline must be welcomed; it should not be enforced by an outside agency, like the Samithi or your parents or friends. It must be spontaneously sought after, and sincerely practised.

*This birth has been undertaken by you, for this very mission: the mission of crucifying the ego on the cross of compassion. An opportunity to be of some service to fellow-man comes to you as a gift from God. Serve with that sense of gratitude, for it is God who accepts it from you. Prepare yourselves for serving others, not only by learning the skills of first aid, the rules of the road, the technique of blood donation, the art of handling mikes and loudspeakers, wiring and fitting, electric lines etc.; but, at the time when you are not actively engaged in some such activity, be busy with japam, dhyanam or nama smaranam. Fill yourselves with God, lest you go dry and cruel.*

Keep the mind busy with these, for once it strays into the bye-lanes of the world, it will get infected with evil. Guard the tiny flame of sympathy with suffering, from the gusts of cynicism and miserly greed. Service to others is the duty you owe to society, which has given you the culture you fed on, the breath you live on, the warmth you crave for, and the security you seek.

Understand the deep significance of service; it will lead to your becoming ideal leaders who are in great need today all over the world. You fulfill

Prema and Seva (love and selfless service) are like a bird's two wings for a man. He can soar to any heights with those two wings.