

LESSSON No. 6



DIGNITY OF LABOUR

There are different types of people in our society. They have their own families like that of ours. All the members of a family can never be of the same profession. Each member of a family has different duty to be done For example,generally children go to the school for their study,the brothers and sisters may also go to the school or to the office, the parents go to the work places for earning, etc. However,all adults do not have the same professions.



Some of them work as farmers, drivers, teachers,doctors, engineers, businessmen, labourers, barbers, etc. We may not require to do all the works of all the different people of various profession, however, we require in one way or the other.



*** Can you list ten different types of work that the people do for you?**

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* **Can you identify the clean and the dirty works?**



‘Work is worship’ is one of the common proverbs. The idea contained in the saying is that all labour, manual or otherwise, is full of dignity and nobility. It equals work with prayer. It emphasizes the point that empty verbal prayers are not as valuable as real achievement in any fields. In the western countries and the U.S.A., people do recognise the dignity of labour. There is no servant class in the West. The people of the higher classes, ladies and gentlemen, have to do their household work themselves. They do not feel any insult in this. It is only in backward countries that this theory has to be continually preached. There are too many people in our country yet who consider it beneath their dignity to do their own purchases from the market or brush their own shoes or wash their own clothes.



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We should recognise the fact that all labours are same. The labour in the field and the artisan in the workshop may have a nobler mission in life than the most learned statesman who makes the laws of the land. He has nothing to be ashamed of, if only he be true to himself and performs his duties rightly put upon him by God.



No profession by itself is high or low, dignified and undignified. It is the way in which we pursue it, that makes it sacred or otherwise. Even since the beginning of history man has been struggling hard to improve his lot. He has fought against the forces of nature all these centuries

He cannot solve his problems. So the new religion that he follows is that of worshipping through work. All labour is regarded as dignified in the present age in every progressive country of the world.

- * **The picture above shows the slum dwellers who work for the society. What kind of work do you expect from them ?**


