

CONTRADICTIONS IN OUR LIFE

Dishonesty or Blindness?

Thrust of this script

- ✓ *To become aware of the many inconsistencies between our saying and doing*
- ✓ *To realize that though not dishonest, we are fickle-minded*
- ✓ *To put order in our lives.*
- ✓ *To do what we say and even better still, to say only what we do..*

Use of these Jotting

- ✓ Pep talks
- ✓ Personal reflection
- ✓ Examination of conscience
- ✓ Discussion groups..

Script

**In a dream my guardian Angel spoke to me and said. I am puzzled!
I can't understand you, humans! Explain to me if you can how is it that**

- 1.** Everybody wants to go to heaven, yet, no one wants to die!
- 2.** All people crave for love. But, very few are prepared to love others!
- 3.** Christians want to be like Jesus, so they say, yet no one is ready to be crucified!
- 4.** Good people want to feel close to God, yet they cannot make time for Him and pray.
- 5.** Everyone says that he is willing to help the poor, yet very few are ready to share what they have with them!
- 6.** Parents love their children, so they say; yet, they have no time for them. They have more valuable and important things to care for.
- 7.** Everybody wants to succeed in life, yet very few take real pains!
- 8.** Students want to secure good results, yet many of them loath to study hard!
- 9.** Everybody wants to be rich; while so many of them are wasters!
- 10.** All long for friendship, yet they are not prepared to make sacrifices to build true and lasting relationships.
- 11.** After quarrelling and break up relationships, people wish to make up, but most of them are not willing to take the first step.
- 12.** All want to be forgiven; yet they aren't prepared to forget the wrongs done to them!
- 13.** All crave for health, yet they smoke, drink, overeat and overwork!

14. People expect punctuality from others. Yet, so few keep their appointments.
15. Husbands and wives long for a happy marriage, yet, they cannot find time to be together and amicably settle their differences.
16. All want concord and harmony, but hardly anyone is prepared to compromise!
17. Every farmer wants a bumper crop, yet few toil and moil to make their fields yield their 100%
18. Everybody wants to be educated, hardly anyone reads a thing!
19. All nations want peace, yet they prepare for war!
20. All of us say that there shouldn't be poor people in the world, yet all of us want to be richer than others!
21. They say that all of us are alike, yet all want to more than others.
22. People resent authority, yet they want to boss over others!
23. Everybody wants to be accepted as he is, yet they dislike and avoid those who are not like them.
24. All want to be good, yet they do not avoid temptation or evil.

He concluded: “Can you still add to my list a few more paradoxical inconsistencies you could find amongst you, humans?”

Personal Reflections

Put your reflections in writing

1. Try to add in the list given to me by my guardian angel still a few more inconsistencies you can discover in our daily living.
2. Are we human beings, by nature dishonest? Blind? Irrational? or something else? Kindly, reflect and answer.
3. Are you consistent in your life? What makes you say so?
4. Do you always do what you say?
5. Do you only say what you do?
6. Can we really do?
7. Can you think of some one who could say yes? (*Jesus Christ*)
8. Try you write a list of the inconsistencies you can discover in your daily living?

Group Sharing and Prayer

- ✓ Sharing your reflections (*Share only what you feel comfortable to share*)
- ✓ Interaction and discussion. (*Personal matters shared should not be discussed*)
- ✓ Closing shared prayer.

