



**ABOUT THE DISCOURSE #5 (part 4):** Divine discourse delivered on, June 14, 1983 on the occasion of teacher training in Prashanti Nilayam.

Text link-<https://saispeaks.sathyasai.org/discourse/guidance-gurus>

### **Pursuit of the science of the spirit is essential today**

Do not condemn yourselves as petty pedlars of knowledge. You are the makers of the future of mankind. You can make it bright and joyful or mar it as dreary and dreadful. You can weaken or strengthen the foundations of life. You are the planners and engineers who lay the royal road of peace and prosperity. You are the ray of hope that illumines the dismal night enveloping all countries. You are the revealers of the Divine Power that animates every living being and prompts it towards self-sacrifice and self-knowledge. You mark out and build the proper steps for man's ascent to God. You direct the eyes of the pupils inward into the reality and invite them to revel in that light. You hasten the holy process of ignoring and forgetting the superficial and advance the divine consciousness, which is the reality of man.

Gu (ignorance), ru (destroyer)-the word reminds you of the role you have assumed. The teacher is known through his pupils. They proclaim his sincerity and excellence. They are the witnesses for his erudition and endurance. King Bhoja once arranged a scholastic duel between two renowned Pandits (scholars). When neither succeeded in defeating the other, he invited their respective pupils to continue the debate. But they too were engaged without end in meeting arguments with equally valid counterarguments. So, the King had to honor them as replicas of their masters! Today teachers have degraded themselves so low that their own pupils dare correct their habits and practices!



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**Questions to consider:**

1. What spiritual practice should the SSE teachers undertake to advance their own Divine consciousness in order to foster the Divine consciousness of pupils?
2. Please share some practical tips that an SSE teacher can follow to become an exemplary teacher for his/her students?
3. How do we keep reminding ourselves of the responsibility we have as an SSE Guru?



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	<b>URGENT</b>	<b>NOT URGENT</b>
<b>IMPORTANT</b>	<b>QUADRANT 1</b> <b>REDUCE</b> Deals with crisis management. Reduce time spent in this quadrant by doing more work in quadrant 2	<b>QUADRANT 2</b> <b>SCHEDULE</b> Involves future planning through strategic thinking. Requires initiative. Spend more time here
<b>NOT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>QUADRANT 3</b> <b>DELEGATE</b> Empower team by assigning tasks in this quadrant. Enable your team to do independent decision making.	<b>QUADRANT 4</b> <b>DECLUTTER</b> Eliminate tasks that do not align with company's mission and goals. Learn to say no to them

**Suggested Life Application(s)**

1. Continue to read regularly (daily/weekly) Swami's discourses addressed to the SSE teachers.  
<https://saispeaks.sathyasai.org/discourse/guidance-gurus>
2. Here is prioritization tool/chart to develop the habit of self-audit our day-to-day activities to realize the goal of life.

**Additional Resource:**

Listen to Swami's discourse "Teachers (Guru) are the Chosen Ones" given in August 1983 during Teachers' Training: [1983 August. Training for Bal Vikas Teachers \(saicast.org\)](https://www.saicast.org/1983-August-Training-for-Bal-Vikas-Teachers)



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