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Modest living, high thinking

A sixty-five year old American scientist wanted to know more about life, so he went all the way to Japan to meet a Buddhist Monk known for his wisdom. He went to meet the Monk at 6 am in the morning. As he entered the Monk's home, he started telling him about all his great intentions and achievements. The Monk heard him out and told him he didn't wish to teach him anything and if he wished he was welcome to come



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back two days later at 6 am in the morning. The scientist left, shocked and hurt. He returned two days later for his appointment and was quiet this time around. The Monk offered him some tea which he accepted. While talking, the Monk started pouring tea into the cup of the scientist and kept pouring even after it was full. The scientist noticed this and requested the Monk to stop pouring. The Monk stopped pouring, smiled at him and told him that he was doing so to help him learn his first lesson with him. The Monk told him that

he sent him back on the first day because he had come to learn, but was full of arrogance of knowledge and experience. "When you come to learn, empty your mind and come to me with humility. Only then can I teach you something," he told him.

In today's competitive world, one needs to have an open mind, learn new things and accept changes. Humility will keep the mind open.

I believe that to achieve lasting success and happiness in life and to sustain it, it is important to remain humble. Many organisations have failed because some of their key managers have been arrogant and not willing to listen to the juniors. The greatest challenge for today's managers and businessmen at all levels is to be humble and learn from others. Past success should not act as a stumbling act.

There many individuals who can't make it big or achieve their full potential because of arrogance or lack of humility which blocks them from listening to and learning from others. Humility will improve your learning ability and make you more likeable.

Sachin Tendulkar is a very good role model from whom everybody can learn. He's one of the world's greatest batsman, yet down-to-earth. He is constantly improving his game and is ready to learn from anybody who can give him good advice. Most importantly, he's more likeable because he's so humble.

In Pune, we've many good role models of successful people who are humble. Some of the most humble people I've come across are Dr S B Mujumdar, Lila Poonawalla, Sullajja Firodia Motwani and Naushad Forbes, to name a few.

Remember, humility will make your climb on the ladder of success, easier and smoother. But most importantly, it will help you stay at the top.

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