

THE MISSING SPARK



“Don’t worry, dear”, said the lady. Her cold hands touched the griever and it was clear with very few words and a soothing touch that her problem had an end and could be overcome. The same words are repeated even today in fact with accessory and more comforting vocabulary being used, but fail to have a lasting impact but instead elevate the stress levels of the victim. What has brought such a tremendous transformation within each one of us? Is the urbanisation or modernisation the reason behind it? Today our feelings and emotions have ratings. The person in front of us is superior or inferior the ratings vary. Our calculations about a person’s whole, solely depends on his economic, physical and social conditions. Materialism has diffused into our blood and affections have transpired. We started thinking with our heart and feeling with our brain. Even blood relations aren’t spared. A millionaire father refuses to pay the fee of his daughter as he is with a notion that why should he spend on someone who is likely to leave after few years by getting married and earning niches for someone else. I express with a bleeding heart that relations have been marketed based on the profits and losses to one’s egoistic conscience which everyone feels is always perfect. Every person has become a bit conscious today and the result of this seems to be in the form of broken relationships. Lips seem to smile but heart truly cries, Words tend to soothe but literally reveal the envy hidden within, praises are poured out but jealousy houses in, affections are visible but behind them are curious and mean expectations. Then what can be the way out? It’s so easy and simple. Dr Kalam’s technique of ‘what can I give?’ We have lost the concept of Giving. What we demand is receiving. Outgoing love has dwindled badly but incoming demands are at the peak. So, unless we try to equate them we have to face such challenging situations. Giving can even mean giving a true smile at someone and it is very true that a sincere smile speaks the required words and soothes too. Today people around us do not require currency, they are very badly in need of a true and sincere smile which can make them mentally strong and prepare them to face challenging situations. We are searching for happiness but it is the one which is within and we have to locate it and it can be done by giving alone. Let us teach our children in addition to good manners the art of giving in true spirit and we ought to teach them through our own example. Let us be the torch bearers for a society which knows how to give in a true spirit.