

IF YOU WANT PEACE, BE READY FOR WAR

One of the common incidents happens in everyone's life; the other person makes mistake but to defend himself, he shouts at you and put the blame on you. How do you handle such situations?

Let's assume you are in your bike with your friend sitting at your back driving properly. Suddenly another person comes from the wrong direction in his bike and he was about to hit you. He shouts at you, "You idiot, don't know how to drive." What will you do? Will you shout back with same kind of wording?



If you don't react, your friend may say, "Are you really idiot?" To prove you are not idiot, you replied and that turned into altercation. The altercation turned into physical fight and both landed in hospital. Will you be able to accomplish your mission in life, if you react in such small provocation?

My question, "If dog barks at you do you bark back?" Why not? Because you know the dog is ignorant. You will come across dogs around you in everyday life to provoke you. Why are you barking at them? If you are barking back, then you also come to their level. You are reading this book to come above that level. Fire of knowledge i.e. awareness can take away your suffering.

When the same dog comes to bite you what you do? You hit back. In the same way if any human dog comes to bite you, you also hit back. Therefore one of our ancestors said, "**If you want peace, be ready for war**".

As mentioned before, we developed ego unconsciously and this

unconscious living is creating problems for us. Since childhood we have been taught to win by hook or by crook. Most of the time we take the crook path to win; the ego stops us to bow down our head in spite of our mistakes.

When you know the other person is ignorant of his mistake, then why are you making the same mistake? Fighting is never a solution, imparting the right knowledge and the awareness is the solution.

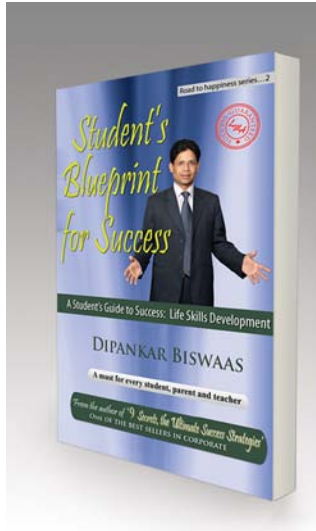
If you can fulfill his ego for that moment, you can make a long-term relationship with him. Later on you get an opportunity to rectify his mistake.

Let's take the same incident. The other person said, "You idiot, you don't know how to drive." And you replied, "Sorry". Would he come to hit you? In 99.99 cases he would go away and you could have also reached your destination in time, because his ego was fulfilled. People around you including your friend might have criticized you by saying, "You are a fool." Regarding this criticism I have discussed in detail in the next strategy. Dealing with criticism is a very important obstacle to be crossed on the path of success.

Let's go back to the above example where you fought with the other person in that day. After three months of the incident one night your brother met with an accident at 11pm. You have been informed to come and pick him up. To pick up your brother you have to pass through certain areas which are not safe during night and police advised to avoid that area during night or move in a group. You could not get any one and you didn't have alternative. And you were travelling alone in your bike at 11:30 pm to pick up your brother. In the same route and towards the same direction, the same person was travelling along with 4 friends and he could recognise that you are the same person who broke his 5 bones. That day as you were

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