

LESSON 14 FUNDAMENTAL VIRTUES OF SHRAWAK PART 01

The human beings are born with many qualities and virtues which are not found in other creatures. As the follower of Jina Bhagwan, shrawakas must have the following 21 fundamental virtues.

They are:

- 1) He will know about 9 fundamentals of Jainism. This way he is well aware of what he should do and what not. What will help and people around him.
- 2) He desires to help others to follow religious path. He becomes compassionate for others. He wants them to be uplifted spiritually too.
- 3) He is steadfast in following the religion principles and no one can shake it. This helps him not to get carried out in the wind of liberalism.
- 4) He never doubts the teaching of Jina and he never doubts the outcome of his activities. This builds up confidence in what he does and does not blink in what he is doing even if others try to change him.
- 5) He studies scriptures with meanings and applies the teaching in his life. In case if he does not understand some points then he will ask spiritual teachers so that he will know the teaching in true sense but will not doubt it.
- 6) He has deep curiosity for religion and its effects are deep in his mind. So he is always on look of learning something and then implementing that in life.
- 7) He has strong conviction in religion and out of compassion for his friends he will tell them about Jain dharma. He will guide them.
- 8) He will live very simple, honest, and straightforward life and will not get involved in deception, lie, and unethical practices.
- 9) He will offer charity and his doors are always open for poor and needy.
- 10) He will do Paushadh vrata regularly.
- 11) He needs to work towards developing these fundamental virtues.