

LESSON 13

RAJESH LEARNS ABOUT HUMILITY

RAJESH: (Praying in the room)

MANISH: Rajesh, are you coming to the cricket practice?

RAJESH: Wait a minute. I am trying to pray. My Jain schoolteacher says we should pray as often as possible.

MANISH: O.K. You can pray and when finished we will go to cricket practice.

RAJESH: (Finished prayer) Why do you even go to practice? You don't play very well. You miss more balls than you hit.

MANISH: If I keep trying, maybe I'll get better.

RAJESH: You'd been better at fielding. All you have to do is stand there and let the ball go for a four. . You'll never be good at anything. Definitely, you'll never be as good as me.

MANISH: Today the coach is going to give out the outstanding cricketer award. I know I won't get it but it will be interesting to see who gets it.

RAJESH: I know that you won't get it but I will. I am the best. I can't wait until I get it.

MANISH: I hope you get it.

RAJESH: Sure I deserve it. I'm Rajesh, the best and the greatest.

RAJESH: I am glad that I am not like you Manish. I never do anything wrong. I am good all the time. I am proud that I am the best all rounder on the team.

MANISH: Sometimes I do things that are wrong. I am sorry that I am not as good as the others but I will try harder to do better.

RAJESH: Oh, it's too bad that you aren't like me, Manish. I am perfect.

MANISH: Well I hope you will still play with me. I am sorry that I am not as great as you are.

(Priya enters the room)

PRIYA: Hey you guys! Let's go to practice and see who gets the trophy.

(They go to their practice ground. Manish is given the trophy)

RAJESH: Boy, you're no friend. I can't believe you got my trophy.

MANISH: I can't believe the coach picked me. Can you believe it?

RAJESH: I lost the award for the most outstanding cricket player. The coach gave my award to Manish. That cricket award should have been mine.

PRIYA: Manish, I am glad you got it. You deserve it.

MANISH: I still don't believe it. I thought someone else would get it.

RAJESH: I was ready to go up, but the coach called out your name.

MANISH: Rajesh, I am sorry that you didn't get it.

PRIYA: Rajesh, those who are humble always win and those who brag too much go down by their ego. You brag too much about yourself.

RAJESH: So that's it! Do you think I brag too much?

PRIYA: Well, don't you think you do?

RAJESH: I sure do. I need to stop bragging about myself. I have learned a big lesson. Let's go Manish and show your award to the guys. I am so glad that you are my best friend. I have so much to learn from you. You really are a great cricket player. You have team spirit and are willing to learn more. Congratulations, and I really do mean it.