

Balavikas Youth Competition 2022 Recitation

Elementary I

One of the greatest lessons I have learnt in my life is to pay as much attention to the means of work as to its end... I have been always learning great lessons from that one principle, and it appears to me that all the secret of success is there: to pay as much attention to the means as the end. Our duty to others means helping others, doing good to the world. Why should we do good to the world? Apparently to help the world, but really to help ourselves. Do not stand on a high pedestal and take 5 cents from your hand and say, 'Here, my poor man,' but be grateful that the poor man is there, so that by making a gift of him you are able to help yourself. It is not the receiver that is blessed but it is the giver.

- Swami Vivekananda
His Call to the Nation: Serve Man as God