

Lama Zopa Rinpoche's
Advice on Guru Devotion



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While there is the Guru, who, like a wish-granting jewel
and the unimaginable wish-fulfilling tree,
And the always unbetraying Rare Sublime Ones (Three Jewels)
Effortlessly fulfilling wishes,
To be dissatisfied, spending one's body and wealth
On what is non-virtuous and without meaning is so very foolish.

Dear friends, once you [understand] that wealth is like dew
on the tip of the grass
And that your friends, body, and life are like a bubble,
Then you should engage in virtues such as making offerings
to the Rare Sublime Ones while looking at them as the Guru
And extract the essence from your essenceless body and wealth.

Due to this merit, may myself and all others
Be able to make offerings to the Guru and the Three Jewels,
as they are the crown ornament.
And due to having completed the prayer commitments,
And by means of listening, reflecting, and contemplating
With Guru devotion and supreme bodhichitta,
May my life become a fortunate one, meaningful and something
[in which to rejoice].
By this, may I fulfill all wishes of sentient beings.

[Just as flies gather around filth,]
Seeing samsara as pleasure,

So far I have accomplished only meaningless suffering,
Without any freedom to practice Dharma.
Now with my body, speech, and mind,
I will engage in great meaningful actions for the welfare of others.
Please Guru, bless me to be able to do this.

Colophon:

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