



Case Study

Chapter – 12: Yoga of Devotion

"Swami Yogananda, a disciple of Sri Ramakrishna, was very kind-hearted. Once, Sri Ramakrishna asked Swami Yogananda to kill a cockroach that sat on the dressing cupboard. Swami Yogananda being kind hearted let it go away without killing it. Sri Ramakrishna rebuked him saying that "You should obey the Master's orders".

1. Is it okay to kill something, just because your teacher ordered you to do so?
2. Is kind heartedness a bad thing in general?
3. When should one be kind and when should one not be kind?
4. Why did Sri Ramakrishna rebuke his disciple?
5. What did you learn from this story?