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I would like to speak to you today on Success and Generosity of Spirit, both of which go together.

Success – is not what you may think it is. Success is not about getting rich nor is it about climbing the social ladder or getting to the top of a company.

Success in Life has everything to do with getting along with everyone around you, be they your parents, colleagues, future in – laws or children.

I can tell you for a fact, people I personally know around the world who are supremely successful are not those who have MBA's but those who understand the trials and tribulations of people they come across.

This ability is called emotional intelligence. All of us have it; some of us simply need to fine tune it!

To be sensitive to what people feel and to act upon your understanding of their feelings is crucial to rise to the top, whether that rise is to the top of a company or your own personal sense of peace and happiness.

To be sensitive to others means one thing – the generosity of your spirit. This generosity has everything



The Chief Guest **Ms. Vasanthi Devagnanam**, Director, Needle Industries Pvt. Ltd., delivering the Graduation Address

to do with how you cope with people. I am going to read a passage, which clearly illustrates the difference in the lives of those who are generous and those who are not.

## **THERE ARE TWO SEAS**

There are two seas in Palestine. One is fresh and fish are in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over it, and stretch out their thirsty roots to sip of its healing waters.



The river Jordan makes this sea with sparkling water from the hills. Men build their houses near to it, and birds build their nests; and every kind of life is happier because it is there.

The river Jordan flows on south into another sea.

Here is no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds, no children's laughter. Travelers choose another route, unless on urgent business. The air hangs heavy above its water, and neither man nor beast nor fowl will drink.

What makes this mighty difference in these neighbour seas?

Not the river Jordan. It empties the same good water into both. Not the soil in which they lie, not the country round about.

This is the difference. The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the Jordan. For every drop that flows into it another drop flows out.

The other sea is shrewder, hoarding its income jealously.

It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets, it keeps.

The Sea of Galilee gives and lives. This other sea gives nothing. It is named The Dead.

There are two seas in Palestine.

There are two kinds of people in the world.

Thank you.

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