

## Chapter 1 part 6 Sadhana bhakti

Vaidhi sadhana bhakti

64 angas of devotional service

List of the other 44 Angas

### 21.seeing the deity :

Two ways to serve the deity : archanam and paricharya

#### paricharya

performing menial services to the deity  
special privilege for those who are not qualified to touch the deity ,  
who are not second initiated

#### Darshan

patiently stand and adore the deities, appreciate them,  
offer prayers to them

Home deities- second initiation not needed  
For householders, deities should be the centre of the house.

### 22.seeing the ārātrika and festivals

### 23. hearing the name, form, qualities and pastimes of the Lord

### 24. accepting the mercy of the Lord

tat te 'nukampāṁ su-samīkṣamāṇo  
bhuñjāna evātma-kṛtaṁ vipākam  
hṛd-vāg-vapurbbhir vidadhan namas te  
jīveta yo mukti-pade sa dāya-bhāk

Accepting any situation as Krishna's mercy.

#### Prayers to be offered to the Lord:

"Krishna ,pls give me the strength to go through this situation."

"Krishna, pls give me the right perspective."

"Krishna, pls give me the intelligence to see how you have mercifully  
planned the whole thing for me."

"My Lord, pls do what you think is the best for me."

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### 25. remembrance of the Lord

Smaranam is inferior to sravanam kirtanam because it can not be practiced by materialistic persons. For them it is difficult to remember Lord.

nam, rupa, guna, lila smaranam

### 26. meditating on the Lord

seva dhyanam: Brahmana of pratisthapura

### 27. acting as a servant of the Lord

dasyam/kainkaryam: mood of being the servant of the Lord  
mood of always being available for the master  
mood of 'what can I do for you my dear Lord'

### 28. thinking of the Lord as a friend

sakhyam or mitravritti possible only at the stage of bhava or raganuga sadhana

### 29. offering oneself to the Lord

atma nivedana

offering one's body completely in the service of the Lord.  
manas deho je kichu mora...

possible only in raganuga sadhana or bhava

### 30. offering the best items to the Lord

### 31. making full efforts for the Lord

### 32. surrendering to the Lord

consciously practice the 6 limbs of surrender

- 1) ānukūlyasya sañkalpa – accepting only what is favorable for bhakti.
- 2) pratikūlyasya varjanam – rejecting everything unfavorable for bhakti.
- 3) rakṣhiṣhyatīti viśhvāso – having faith that Sri Krishna will assuredly grant His protection.
- 4) gopṭṛitve varaṇam – accepting Krishna as one's only maintainer.
- 5) ātmanikṣhepa – complete submission of oneself to Krishna
- 6) kārpaṇye – feeling meek, humble, insignificant, etc  
experience of one's own lamentable condition

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### 33. serving Tulasi

- 1) gazing at Her
- 2) touching Her
- 3) remembering Her
- 4) glorifying Her
- 5) bowing down before Her
- 6) offering prayers to Her
- 7) planting Her
- 8) watering Her
- 9) worshiping Her

*ya drsta nikhila agha sangha samani sprsta vapuh pavani  
roganam abhivandita nirasini siktantaka trasini  
pratya satti vidhayini bhagavatah krsnasya samropita  
nyasta taccarane vimukti phalada tasyai namah*  
(Hari Bhakti Vilasa 9/104 from Skanda Purana, Avanti khanda)

Just by looking at you (Tulasi), all sins become removed.

Just by touching you, one's body becomes pure.

By praying to Her, all diseases practically become removed.

If one waters Her or makes Her wet, the fear of Yamaraja (death personified) is destroyed.

Just by planting or transplanting, one achieves nearness to the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

If someone offers Tulasi at the lotus feet of Lord Sri Krsna, She awards liberation and devotion to Him, therefore I pay my humble obeisances to such a wonderful Tulasi-devi.

34. studying the scriptures (those written or commented upon by our acharyas)

35. living in Mathurā

36. serving the devotees

37. holding festivals according to one's means with the devotees

38. observing Kārtika vrata

39. observing Janmāshtami and other special occasions

## 5 most potent angas of devotional service

40. having **faith and great affection** for serving the deity  
(archanam is an important limb but it becomes very potent limb if one has great faith and affection)

41. **Relishing** Bhāgavatam in **association** of devotees  
(Studying Bhagavatam is an important limb but it becomes a very potent limb when we relish the deep inner meaning of Bhagavatam in the association of like minded devotees)

42. Associating with **like-minded, affectionate, superior** devotees  
(and not just associating with devotees)

Like -mindedness varies from stage to stage.

stage 1: any devotee is like minded.

stage 2 : any ISKCON devotee is like minded.

stage 3: those who like the same limbs of devotional service.

- those who share the same definition of success in bhakti

stage 4: same rasa in raganuga bhakti

43. **Nāma-sankirtana**  
chanting in the association of devotees  
or complete kirtana: chanting without offenses

44. **Living in the area of Mathura**

