

# Kartik Inspirations 2016

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## KRISHNA IS TRUTHFUL

Krishna is truthful, in Sanskrit He is described as *satyavaki*, He speaks the truth. This became clearly visible when Krishna met mother Kunti before the battle of Kurukshetra. At that time He told her: »O Kunti, your five sons will survive the war and I will present them to you in front of everyone.«

Now, at the end of the battle of Kurukshetra most of the illustrious *kshatriyas* (warriors) had left their bodies, only a few were left. Krishna went to Kunti with the five Pandavas and said: »Here are your sons. See, I kept My promise.«

Mother Kunti was so moved that she praised Krishna for having kept His promise: »The sunshine may one day become cool and the moonshine hot, but still You will keep your promises.«

Today I'm remembering two of Krishna's many promises to His devotees in this world. One is *man-mana bhava mad-bhakto*, where He says: »Always think of Me and serve Me as my bhakta (devotee), worship Me and offer your obeisances to Me, and I promise that you will come to Me with certainty.« The other promise is one in which He speaks about His reciprocation with His devotees. He says: *ye yatha mam prapadyante*, »To the degree that someone surrenders unto Me, I respond accordingly.«

We can rely on Krishna, He always keeps His promises. Especially those which He makes to His dear devotees. We shouldn't entertain doubts, only an increased determination to go to Lord Krishna. Let us take shelter at His lotus feet, read His words and feel confident and blissful in our hearts about the fact that there is someone whose promise will never ever fail.

Krishna's truthfulness can also inspire us to become truthful as one of our main qualities, making our inside identical with our outside. Hare Krishna.



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