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My value is supreme

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A Rs. 100 currency note was once chiding a Rs. 5 currency note, telling the small denomination that it was only useful as small change and to buy inconspicuous things, while the note of higher value was always traded for expensive goods,.

The Rs. 5 note was upset, and sought the counsel of a wise man to help it tide over its depression. The wise man listened patiently, and then said, "Do not fret my friend, for your value is much more than that of the Rs. 100 note. While people part with it for expensive things, you are freely donated to the needy. or even as an offering to God. You are given away joyfully, while for the same purposes, people will reluctantly part with a Rs. 100 note. Don't you now realise how much more useful you are?"

When chided for being poor or of limited means, we feel devalued. Yet, like the Rs. 5 note, all of us, regardless of status, wealth and position, can be of help and assistance to our fellow human beings.

The next time we are faulted for our poor status in society, let us quickly remind ourselves than our status does not make us any less and that our value to and in life is supreme.

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