**YMBA SENIOR PART (2) COURSE (YMBA BOOK 4)**

**DHAMMA CHAPTER (9): DHAMMAPADA**

**LESSON PLAN SP2-DH-09**

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**INTRODUCTION**

The Dhammapada is one of the 15 books of the Khuddaka Nikaya of the Sutta Pitaka. It is a collection of 423 short utterances of the Buddha in the form of stanzas (Gathas) classified and titled according to subjects. The contents include ideas of Buddhist ethics and fundamental Buddhist doctrines.

The first 2 pages of chapter 9 describes the arrangement of subjects. The teacher needs to read these two pages with the students.

**THE SELECTED STANZAS**

The Pali gatha and an English translation is followed by comments on the contents. When the headline is cited the student should be able to give the meaning and make comments on the meaning in reasonable detail.

Some students may find it hard to remember the Pali Gathas. At least they should learn the first line and then the meaning and comments. Some of the stanzas are linked so that if one remembers one then the other could be an opposite which is easy to remember. The teacher needs to highlight a key word that helps a student to recognise a stanza in a set of two; one will mean a positive and the other a negative in many cases.

After concluding this chapter, recollection exercises ought to be attempted to ensure that everyone can remember the stanzas and the meanings with comments.

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