श्रोत्रं श्रुतेनैव न तु कुण्डलेन , दानेन पाणिर्न तु कङ्कणेन I

विभाति कायः करुणापराणां , परोपकारैर्न तु चन्दनेन II

श्रोत्रं = ears , श्रुतेनैव = श्रुतेन ऐव = by  hearing ( good , teachings , or a message ), न = not , तु = really , कुण्डलेन = ear rings , दानेन = by donating , कङ्कणेन = by wearing bangles or ornaments , विभाति = looks good , कायः= body ,  करुणापराणां = having mercy on others , परोपकारैर्न = परोपकारैः न  = by heping others and not , चन्दनेन = by applying lotions or face creams to look good

This is a good shloka, which gives a good message, in today’s materialistic world. We have forgotten the basic principles of simple living and have got into artificial living.

It says that, ears are meant to listen to good teachings and advice or message and it should be used for that, rather than using ear rings and ornaments for it to look good. Similarly, hands will look good when they are used to give donations and not by using bangles and ornaments for them to look good.

In the same way, our body, our energy, our abilities, wealth should be used for others, to help the needy and the poor. That is how a person will look respectable and lovable. Whereas, we use beauty products to look good and to invite praise from others so that others will like you.