



The Boy who would not give up Sweets

*Instructive Stories from teachings of
His Divine Grace*

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*A woman brought her child
to see a saintly person*



Doctor has told me that my child is diabetic and must stop eating sugar and sweets, but in spite of what I tell him, he won't stop. Since you are a saintly person, I am sure that if you tell him to stop eating sugar and sweets he will listen and his life can be saved.





I can't tell that to the child today. Bring him tomorrow.

**Disappointed and confused,
the mother took the child
away**



**She returned the next day.
The saintly person looked
sternly at the young boy...**

**Stop
eating
sweets!**

The boy was so startled that from that day he never again ate sweets and sugar again.



**Stop
eating
sweets !**

*When the curious mother
inquired from the sadhu*

**Swamiji, why
you didn't tell
this to my child
yesterday ?**

***Because till
yesterday when
you came to me,
I was also eating
sugar.***

MORAL:

Example is better than precept. A leader cannot tell the public to stop smoking if he himself smokes. He should practice himself first, and then he becomes acharya.

-Sрила Prabhupada