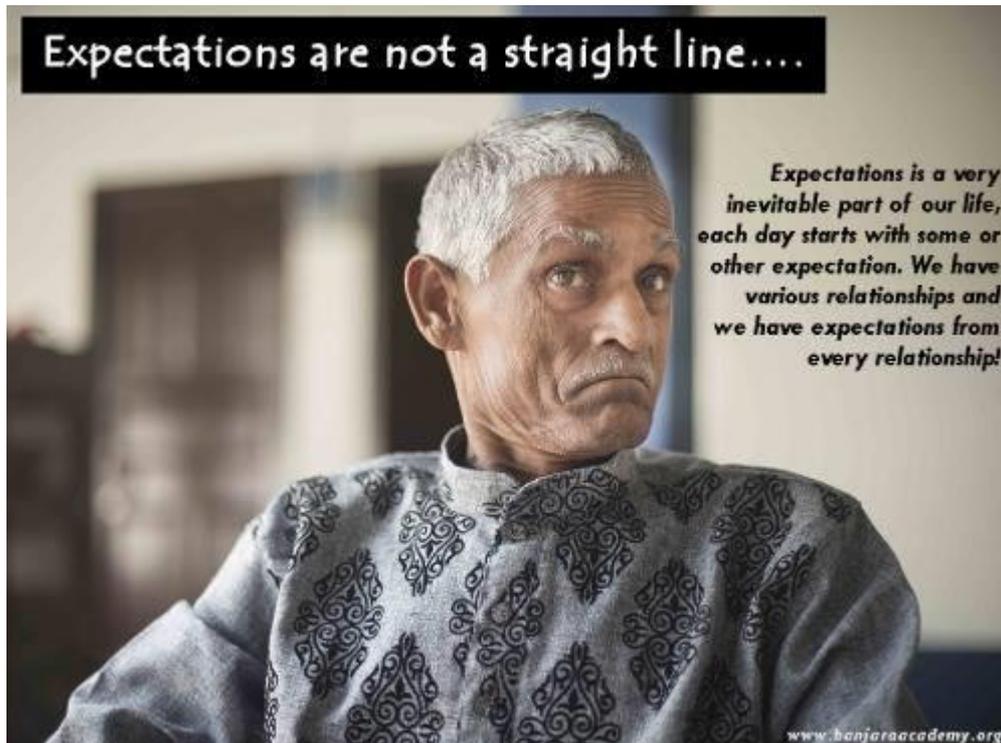


## Expectations are not a straight line....



'Expectations' is a very inevitable part of our life; each day starts with some or other expectation. We have various relationships and we have expectations from every relationship!

Father, mother, brother, sister, friends, husband, wife, uncle, and aunty, so on & on.... Some expect as responsibility, love, duty, "because I did this to you why not do for me" .... etc.

There has been a long-lasting high degree of expectation from this relation of parents & children. All of us agree the degree of sacrifice each parent takes up in giving birth to the children and to educate them to be able & capable persons to lead a comfortable life, is phenomenal. Yes, Mother Nature has put this in our life... a circle which is never incomplete... today's parents are tomorrow's grandparents & today's children are tomorrow's parents. In this relationship knowing that I will be a father tomorrow, the children still do not fulfil their responsibilities to the parents. These parents in turn crib that their child is not taking care of them, all this again there is something called **EXPECTATIONS**.

There are arguments that only when you expect, you get disappointed, so better not to expect anything from any one. Sounds good & right... isn't it... But can we really keep quiet without any expectations from our near and dear?

Maybe we can rationalize our expectations, balancing the priorities between parents (Duties as son) wife (forthcoming life with wife & child) one cannot be

only towards one side. As parents we need to be proactive to be self-sufficient financially not emptying our earnings, keep it for our last days.

You can be done with any relationship if you do not want but the marriage relationship is different. Expectations are very high in this relationship since there is only one individual in the relationship to fulfil the expectations. This is one to one relationship, unlike siblings, friends etc.

Married relationship has that kind of ownership expectations. He or she belongs to me. Sometimes it's too suffocating, because anything more is poison. All need to have their own space, and expectations often turn out to be the demands. Most common expectations are: He or she does not spend enough time with me, does not love the same as earlier, has lost interest, does not care for me etc.

Many times, we live in our expectations framed by our own expectations, like I expect my husband to be like this, or wife to be like this, but the fact is whether he or she is wired for it. Many time sour expectations are borrowed, looking at the others we frame our expectations. A couple behaves closely in a public place, seen by other couple, the expectations relate & start expectations why can't we be so... examples can be in hundreds.

God knows when we will be free from our unreasonable **EXPECTATIONS.**

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