

Broken Cot Renunciation

*Instructive Stories from teachings of
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Once, a man got married and he received many house hold items including a wooden cot from his father in law.



He was enjoying sleeping on the gifted cot



After few days it broke down as it was cheap and not well made.

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***Hereafter I will sleep
on the bare ground***






Then he began to sleep on the floor as he had no cot now

See he is sleeping on the floor !



Then to save face, this man very proudly began to say...



Why are you sleeping on the floor ?

One should be renounced. Every object of pleasure is temporary and we should be austere to renounce without attachment.

PURPORT

True renunciation is not that one sleeps on the bare ground when the bed is broken. In fact, this reflects nothing but a motive for earning fame and appreciation for ones unusual activities. When an impersonalist or illusionist shows off his renunciation in this material world, he simple exposes himself to be in anger or deep attachment with those objects of apparent renunciation. He would have continued to enjoy those objects if they were of no trouble to him before.

Pure devotees will never expose their spirit of renunciation in such a manner. They renounce everything for the satisfaction of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Sri Krsna. They know very well that the Lord is the Supreme enjoyer and that no living entity should have any desire for enjoyment for his own sake. A pure devotee is ever satisfied with the remnants obtained from the Lord as his causeless mercy, and he is never unhappy or attached with any such object.