

Broken Cot Renunciation

*Instructive Stories from the 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 the gifted cot





When the man slept on that cot, it broke down as it was cheap and not well made.

CRACK!

***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.