



# Mercy for Earnest Only

*Instructive Stories from the teachings of  
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By chance a person slipped and fell into a deep well.

**HELP!  
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**A very kind-hearted passerby brought a piece of long rope which was lowered down in the well.**



**Just hold this rope tightly. i will pull you out.**





***O my friend,  
please help me to put  
my fingers around  
the rope.***

## **PURPORT:**

**Such a kind-hearted person is like the spiritual master or the Supreme Godhead Himself. He has already lowered a rope of rescue into the deep darkness into our ignorance. It is only by our earnest effort in catching hold of that mercy that we can be delivered and liberated from material agonies.**

**Unless we extend out best efforts earnestly, and qualify ourselves for the Lord's mercy, it is next to impossible that we can be rescued from our fallen condition.**