

*Gopala's*

*New*

*House*



Gopala was building a new house.



According to the Vedic custom, before you open a house you have to have a sacrifice called a grha-pravesana.



**This means that there will be a yajna so that the house becomes pure and offerable to God. No one is allowed to pass any stool in the house, or it will be considered contaminated. Nothing must be used by anyone until the Brahmins enter with sankirtan-yajna, reciting mantras and sprinkling Ganges water.**



**Thus in the Vedic culture, everything, including building a house and conceiving a child is regulated so that at every point one is conscious of Krsna.**



**But the king wanted to defeat Gopala.**




So he offered a large reward of gold coins to anyone who could outsmart Gopala and pass stool in his newly constructed house.



One day Gopala was inspecting his house.







When a man sent by the king came up and pretended to be suffering from an urgent call of nature.

**Gopala, I have to immediately pass stool. Please show me your bathroom. I cannot contain myself.**



All right, come in.

He took him over to the bathroom of the newly constructed house...



..and allowed the man to squat down inside.




**But when he tried to close the door for privacy,  
Gopala stood there by the open door.**



**Gopala, why are you standing there and not allowing me to close the door? Why are you holding that big stick in your hand.**





**No, you can pass stool in my bathroom, but if you pass one drop of urine I'm going to smash your head.**

**Then the man laughed and confessed.**

**You are very clever.**





He ran off defeated.



# ***MORAL:***

**Whenever you perform a good deed, there will be many jealous people and they will try to fail you. But, you must remain determined and cleverly clear all the hurdles.**