

What are you holding in your hand?



It has been told that in India, people catch monkeys by taking a large, strong gourd and cutting a hole in the side of it just barely big enough for a monkey's hand to fit in. They then firmly attach the gourd to the limb of a tree so that it can't be moved. They then place some of the monkey's favorite nuts inside the gourd.

When the monkey discovers the gourd, he will slip his hand in and grab a handful of nuts. He will then try to pull his hand out, but because his fist is larger than the hole, he won't be able to. The monkey will keep trying and trying to get free, but he'll never let go of the nuts. Finally, when the monkey is completely tired out, someone will walk up and throw a net over him and carry him off.

What are you holding onto that the Lord told you to let go? Did you know that if you are not obedient in letting it go— it can cause hurt, pain, and eventually your own spiritual death? We try to hold on to our own thoughts, paths, directions, desires so much that we miss the opportunity for the blessings that the Lord wants to give us!