

Holding Back One Time

Posted by Yissie - 15 Jun 2022 19:36

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And if one has a taava and holds himself back just once, how much more he is creating, how much better the world changes from this one act of abstinence. This is even if the next time he will fall, and even if he knew at the time he is just holding off for ten minutes, but this minute held himself back. If one understands this, then maybe he can hold himself just this one time.

And if he holds back enough times because of this recognition, he will ingrain in himself the importance of holding back, and it would become easier, until he considers himself crazy to give that all up just for this one time. But this is all the next level, first just work on this one time.

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On the other hand, thinking that it's your fault it's raining outside because you looked at something inappropriate can really get you down. So I'd say it's sometimes good, but too much of a good thing...

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