

If you've seen the move Shrek, I'm sure that Donkey made it to your list of most amusing (or maybe, most annoying characters). As for me, I find him extremely entertaining. His famous line "Are we there yet?" is a reminder of how we can get very impatient as we journey through life. In the Bible, God made a donkey speak to Balaam, a stubborn-hearted man, to save him from guaranteed danger (read the entire story in Numbers 22:20-34). As you read today's Protips, be reminded that even from a humble animal, like the donkey, God can teach us many priceless lessons that we can use at work and in life. Thanks to my sister-in-law, Karen Riego de Dios, for sending me through e-mail this inspiring story.

## THE DONKEY

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well.  
The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do.  
Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway;  
it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him.  
They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well.  
At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly.  
Then, to everyone's amazement he quieted down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well.  
He was astonished at what he saw.  
With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing.  
He would shake it off and take a step up.

As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal,  
he would shake it off and take a step up.  
Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up  
over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!

## MORAL :

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt.  
The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up.  
Each of our troubles is a steppingstone.  
We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up!  
Shake it off and take a step up.

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred - Forgive.
2. Free your mind from worries - Most never happens.
3. Live simply and appreciate what you have.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less from people but more from God.

BE A BLESSING IN THE WORKPLACE TODAY!

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