

### **Rama's Ideal Humility**

As Rama took up his bow and advanced toward Ravana, Surya spoke to him from the sky urging "Do not delay! Go quickly!"

Rama then ordered "O Matali, drive quickly to where Ravana is staying, but do so with great caution."

Remembering that He was speaking to Indra's charioteer, Rama became embarrassed and apologized, saying "I am sorry to have instructed you as if were your master. I am simply eager to kill Ravana and hope you will excuse my offense."

Matali was touched by Rama's display of humility and soon brought Indra's chariot to Ravana's side.