

6. Story of Angappan

There was an old Chettiar in a village. His name is Etummalai. A young man by the name of Angapan was sitting with him as a servant. Chettiar went to another country with the young man in search of material. Etummalai Chettiar, who has a penchant for searching for material, used to brush his teeth while



pouring a lot of milk and alum. An ancient saying is, "Pallirukum vampumu tal tulangum poolukum podiume-alukut dandamaraiyaalunj sirwale". One morning Chettiar, who had left another country, got up one morning and went to the village to settle the morning debt with Angappa. He found a banyan tree and said, "There is a banyan tree."

Young Angappan was a pleasure-seeker. He pointed to a bulama tree in another place and said to Chettiar, "There is a bulama tree." From then on, Chettiar named the young man "All Enni Pool Ennum Angappan". A proverb has been coined for those who encourage someone to do something and do the opposite.

[self-seeking] (proverb)