

SUNBEAMS

If people are highly successful in their professions they lose their senses. Sight goes. They have no time to look at pictures. Sound goes. They have no time to listen to music. Speech goes. They have no time for conversation. They lose their sense of proportion — the relations between one thing and another. Humanity goes.

Virginia Woolf

Usually, terrible things done with the excuse that progress requires them are not really progress at all, but just terrible things.

Russell Baker

In a contest between new technology and old ways of life, it is the traditional rhythms that will hold. Traditional societies make up more than two-thirds of the world, the two-thirds that will not be going online to “save” time but will remain wedded to the knowledge that if the bus doesn’t come that day, it will come someday. After all, there is nothing but time.

Gloria Naylor

Our perception that we have “no time” is one of the distinctive marks of modern Western culture.

Margaret Visser

Reconsider your definitions. We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles rather than by the quality of our service and relationship to mankind.

Martin Luther King Jr.

What does a man need — really need? A few pounds of food each day, heat and shelter, six feet to lie down in, and some form of working activity that will yield a sense of accomplishment. That’s all — in the material sense. And we know it. But we are brainwashed by our economic system until we end up in a tomb beneath a pyramid of time payments, mortgages, and preposterous gadgetry, playthings that divert our attention from the sheer idiocy of the charade.

Sterling Hayden

Many wealthy people are little more than janitors of their possessions.

Frank Lloyd Wright

The earth was created for rich and poor in common. Nature knows no rich. She creates us all alike and alike she encloses us in the sepulchre. What more resembles one dead man

than another dead man?

Saint Ambrose

Would that there were an award for people who come to understand the concept of enough. Good enough. Successful enough. Thin enough. Rich enough. Socially responsible enough. When you have self-respect, you have enough, and when you have enough, you have self-respect.

Gail Sheehy

To be without some of the things you want is an indispensable part of happiness.

Bertrand Russell

Simplicity doesn’t mean to live in misery and poverty. You have what you need, and you don’t want to have what you don’t need.

Charan Singh

Money frees you from doing things you dislike. Since I dislike doing nearly everything, money is handy.

Groucho Marx

The old Eskimo hunters she had known in her childhood thought the riches of life were intelligence, fearlessness, and love. A man with these gifts was rich.

Jean Craighead George

I am immensely and continuously conscious of a world of nuclear bombs, of vast hunger, of curable injustice, of a meretricious press and cheap-jack television, of perilous and apparently endless international division, of unreasonable cruelty and suffering for which almost nobody cares, and of my own silly efforts to make money to provide me with irrelevant comforts or necessities like drink and to ensure some measure of security for my family. And I know that it is not the answer, because there is truthfully only one answer, which is absolute pacifism and absolute communism — not in the dreary, dogmatic party-political sense, but in the sense that my father would have called religious: the sense of mortal community. Not only do I know it; I knew it all along.

James Cameron

Who is rich? He that is content. Who is that? Nobody.

Benjamin Franklin

Never eat more than you can lift.

Miss Piggy

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