

the IRRELIGIOUS LIFE

experiencing the inside-out spirituality of Jesus

Week 10: *THE SIMPLE LIFE*

Closer is He than breathing.

~ Alfred Tennyson

No longer is our primary question, "What does the Bible say?" We must now concentrate on the question, "What does the Bible say *to us?*"

~ Richard Foster

We live in the kingdom of God by intending to obey the example and teachings of Jesus. This is the form that *trust* in him takes. It does not take the form of merely believing things about him, however true they may be.

~ Don Simpson

One thing there is which all Satan's cunning and all the snares of temptation cannot take by surprise, and that is simplicity.

~ Soren Kierkegaard

Let your soul turn always not to desire the more, but the less.

~ St. John of the Cross

Those of us who live in affluent circumstances accept our duty to develop a simple life-style in order to contribute more generously to both relief and evangelism.

~ 1974 International Congress on World Evangelism

There are two ways to get enough: one is to continue to accumulate more and more. The other is to desire less.

~ G. K. Chesterton

I am learning... that a man can live profoundly without masses of things.

~ Richard E. Byrd

Civilization is a limitless multiplication of unnecessary necessities.

~ Mark Twain

Keeping the average family discontent is vital to our economic system. In order to lure me to buy more products, an advertiser must create a dissatisfaction for what I have – or a nagging desire for what I don't need.

~ Tim Kimmel

To have what we want is riches, but to be able to do without is power.

~ George MacDonald

As for apparel, I buy the most lasting and, in general, the plainest I can.

~ John Wesley

Frugality is good if liberality be joined with it. The first is leaving off superfluous expenses: the last bestowing them to the benefit of others that need.

~ William Penn

If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow Me.

~ Jesus