

# Wednesday Earth Wisdom

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## **Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee – Wednesday Earth Wisdom:**

"A change in lifestyle could bring healthy pressure to bear on those who wield political, economic and social power ... When social pressure affects their earnings, business clearly have to find ways to produce differently. This shows us the great need for a sense of social responsibility on the part of consumers. "Purchasing is always a moral — and not simply economic — ... act." Today, in a word, the issue of environmental degradation challenges us to examine our lifestyle" (Par. 206, *Laudato Si'*)

"There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, and it is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle." (#211)

"Simplicity is not sacrifice. Simplicity that is voluntary — consciously chosen, deliberate and intentional — supports a higher quality of life. Here are some reasons people consciously choose simplicity:

1. Simplicity fosters a more harmonious relationship with Earth — the land, air and water.
2. Simplicity promotes fairness and equity among the people of Earth.
3. Simplicity cuts through needless busyness, clutter and complications.
4. Simplicity enhances living with balance — inner and outer, work and family, family and community.
5. Simplicity reveals the beauty and intelligence of nature's designs."

*(Christian Simplicity: A Gospel Value, Pg 22)*

There are many more points of what simplicity is and does. When we reflect upon simplicity as the result of spending as a moral action, what do we feel called to do "through little daily actions"?