

Wednesday Earth Wisdom

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Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee – Wednesday Earth Wisdom:

Simplicity is not sacrifice is a theme with many faces. “Contrary to media myths, consumerism offers lives of sacrifice while simplicity offers lives of opportunity. Simplicity creates the opportunity for greater fulfillment in work, meaningful connection with others, feelings of kinship with all life, and awe of a living universe. This is a rich way of life that offers a compelling alternative to the stress, busyness, and alienation of the modern era. Nonetheless, the mainstream media in many societies are driven by consumerism and have been reluctant to explore the promise of simplicity because it threatens the engine of economic growth that is their lifeblood.”

Christian Simplicity: A Gospel Value (Pg 23)

“When media and the digital world become omnipresent, their influence can stop people from learning how to live wisely, to think deeply and to love generously. In this context, the great sages of the past run the risk of going unheard ... Efforts need to be made to help these media become sources of new cultural progress for humanity and not a threat to our deepest riches. True wisdom, as the fruit of our self-examination, dialogue and generous encounter between persons, is not acquired by a mere accumulation of data.”

(Laudato Si’, Par. 47)

“To blame population growth instead of extreme and selective consumerism on the part of some, is one way of refusing to face the issues.”

(Laudato Si’, Par. 50)

As you reflect on media influence, don’t forget to consider advertising and the impact it has on many, including children. More and more, persons are beginning to restrict media influences to themselves and their families.

Think about your own use of media. How has it impacted your life? Could/should you make any changes?

Pray about it.