

Wednesday Earth Wisdom

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Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee Wednesday Earth Wisdom:

The Garden of Simplicity has many different flowers, sometimes overlapping but each “flower” has such fairly distinct expression to “warrant a separate category.

“The flower of Uncluttered Simplicity means taking charge of lives that are too busy, too stressed, and too fragmented. Simplicity means cutting back on clutter, complication, and trivial distractions, both material and non-material, and focusing on the essentials — whatever those may be for each in our unique lives. As Thoreau said, ‘Our life is frittered away by detail ... simplify, simplify.’ Or as Plato wrote, ‘In order to seek one’s own direction, one must simplify the mechanics of ordinary, everyday life.’ ”

“Christian Simplicity: A Gospel Value” (Pg 23)

A quote from Wendell Berry states that, “We must achieve the character and acquire the skills to live much poorer than we do.”

Ragan Sutterfield, *Learning to Live Poorer*
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And it is Pope Francis who wrote that: “It has become countercultural to choose a lifestyle whose goals are even partly independent of technology, of its costs, and its power to globalize and make us all the same.”

Laudato Si’ (Par. 108)

Can you see the colors of this particular flower; of uncluttered simplicity? Can you hear the call to simplify?