

Wednesday Earth Wisdom

Wednesday, May 31



Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee Wednesday Earth Wisdom:

Although the flowers in the *Garden of Simplicity* continue to show growth, it is time to pull a few weeds. One of the most difficult weeds to pull is the misconception that simplicity means poverty. The flower and the weed grow next to each other.

“Simplicity is voluntary and enabling, whereas poverty is involuntary and disabling. Poverty is mean and degrading to the human spirit, whereas a life of conscious simplicity can have both a beauty and a functional integrity that elevates the human spirit.

“Involuntary poverty generates a sense of helplessness, passivity, and despair, whereas purposeful simplicity fosters a sense of personal empowerment, creative engagement and opportunity.”

Christian Simplicity: A Gospel Value (Pg 24)

Writing of her personal challenges, Mary Anne Radmacher penned “I have the privilege of clarity into how insidious continual acquisition can become. Shopping can be fun. Acquiring and collecting is entertaining. When is enough — enough? ... Acquisitions came to my hand for beauty, for function, for filling a void for which I did not have a name. The sob that rises in my throat is not so much as seeing so much go, as at my sorrow at ever having so much to begin with ... How did I step into the complexity of owing and owning and acquiring so many things”?

Live Boldly: Cultivate the qualities that can change your life (Pg 67-68)

Have you asked yourself the question: When is enough — enough?
What was your response? What was your response?