

Bits of wisdom on...

## HAVING ENOUGH

We carry with us an old fear, an insanity really, that love is as finite as motor oil or money and that the amount given to one person depletes by that much the amount available for another.

- Hugh and Gail Prather

A table, a chair, a bowl of fruit and a violin; what else does a man need to be happy?

- Albert Einstein

Knowing others is intelligence; knowing yourself is true wisdom. Mastering others is strength; mastering yourself is true power. If you realize that you have enough, you are truly rich.

- Laozi (Tao Te Ching)

Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein.

- H. Jackson Brown Jr.

If you care about something you have to protect it – If you're lucky enough to find a way of life you love, you have to find the courage to live it.

- John Irving (A Prayer for Owen Meany)

"One can never have enough socks," said Dumbledore. "Another Christmas has come and gone and I didn't get a single pair. People will insist on giving me books."

- J.K. Rowling (Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone)

I walked over to the hill where we used to go and sled. There were a lot of little kids there. I watched them flying. Doing jumps and having races. And I thought that all those little kids are going to grow up someday. And all of those little kids are going to do the things that we do. And they will all kiss someone someday. But for now, sledding is enough. I think it would be great if sledding were always enough, but it isn't.

- Stephen Chbosky (The Perks of Being a Wallflower)

Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough.

- Oprah Winfrey

Frugality is one of the most beautiful and joyful words in the English language, and yet one that we are culturally cut off from understanding and enjoying. The consumption society has made us feel that happiness lies in having things, and has failed to teach us the happiness of not having things.

- Elise Boulding

Live simply that others might simply live.

- Elizabeth Ann Seton

Besides the noble art of getting things done, there is the noble art of leaving things undone. The wisdom of life consists in the elimination of non-essentials.

- Lin Yutang

Who is rich? He who rejoices in his portion.

- The Talmud

Be content with what you have, rejoice in the way things are. When you realize there is nothing lacking, the whole world belongs to you.

- Lao Tzu

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

- Matt 5:6 NIV

Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for – forgotten by everybody – that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat.

- Mother Teresa

Having no talent is not enough.

- Gore Vidal

We helped others, it is true, but we did not deprive ourselves in order to help others. We had no philosophy of poverty.

- Dorothy Day, *The Long Loneliness*

The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.

- Psalm 23:1

Once having the vision, the second step to holy obedience is this: Begin where you are. Obey now.

- Thomas Kelly

Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the LORD?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.

- Proverbs 30:8-9 (NIV)

Nobody has ever measured, even poets, how much a heart can hold.

- Zelda Fitzgerald

Isn't it enough to see that a garden is beautiful without having to believe that there are fairies at the bottom of it, too?

- Douglas Adams (The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy)