

# Wednesday's Wisdom

a weekly short note from Mike Minear

## Don't Be Like Simple Simon

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Simple Simon went fishing for a whale;  
But all the water he had was in a pail.

Last week Robert Harkrider pointed out that the world is full of Simple Simons searching for peace, joy, and happiness in the wrong places.

True stature and depth of life come from within. Godly character is not the result of the accumulation of things but the result of sacrifices and decisions in the will of God. Abraham was a wealthy man, but he still walked with God and lived a life of faith. Lot coveted the things of the world and lost his wife, his home, and his position. we must think of life in terms of investment. This is what Jesus had in mind when He said, "*Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth*" (Luke 12:33). Obviously, He is not telling us to go out of business and get rid of everything. He is urging us to invest in things eternal, and to use our wealth for that which cannot be stolen or destroyed.

People have the strange notion that things can give peace, when in reality things can create worry and stress. Some of us can remember our excitement and feeling of security when we bought our first automobile. But we soon discovered that the many privileges of owning a car brought with them the headaches of taking care of it.

What is the cure for worry and stress? Stop living for things and start living for God. "But rather seek ye the kingdom of God: and all these things shall be added unto you" (Luke 12:31). Nothing simplifies life like putting God first and getting your priorities straight. If the abundance or lack of things robs us of peace, then we are not wholly yielded to God.

Do not be like Simple Simon and miss the real joy, peace, and happiness that can only be found in the Lord (Philippians 4:6-7)