

Simplicity II, Cor. 11:3

"One of the main characteristics of our life in this modern age is its bewildering complexity." Outwardly and in wordly life is a more intricate thing today than ever before -

I. Take its outward aspect - This includes economics - politics - social life and so on -

a. Economics have grown complex because of new contacts with other nations.

b. Politics have grown complex because of unheard of movements among the nations - feverish & wrong movements.

c. Social life has grown complex because there are more distractions in this age than in any other.

II. Take the inward aspect -

Ethical codes in the melting pot
Religious beliefs are challenged
Systems of faith have come under
the onslaught of criticism

People come then to ask - "What are we to believe?" "How are we to act?"

"Where may we find assurance?"

So we see the complexity of life

Advantages of this complexity -

1. Economics - The very difficulty of the times is teaching us that we can never live again a life of isolation.
2. Social life - The very science which has helped to make life complex has also opened up to us shimmering gateways new windows toward knowledge and fullness of life which other generations did not know. (Must that science go all right - course father may have been better in 1820)
3. Religion - The complex situation that raises questions will lead people to seek solutions and if they have been misguided into some issue that can't stand the test of the realities of life - they may find the real truth shorn of the untruth and march out a greater people - we may have these compensations and yet - who does not feel that our complexities of life are stealing from us some of the things we can ill afford to lose?

a. The vanishing of old simplicities - resulting in the disappearing of the old contentment. Science and invention have served to make man restless - and has hurt the old-fashioned home the break down of religious convictions about the once sacred has left thousands

without a guiding faith - Some
of simplicity has been stolen from us
"There hath passed away a glory from the earth!"

It is well to note that the word "Simple"
has lost its standing - Centuries ago
when it appeared it stood for a shining
virtue - But no one wants to be called
simple to-day - In other days it
meant - "single hearted" "Crystal clear"
"straight forward" - To day it smacks
of "simpleton" - To many experts in Rel -

But listen "The simplicity that is in
Christ" - meet a real man and he is
so simple in true meaning of the
word that you can't feel em -
barrassed or cramped in his presence -
(Introduced to Zigert) (Working with
Solidus)

Simple goods } we need to-day { Simple lies
Simple clothes } that trouble
Simple beliefs } and perplex
man can op
proach -

"It is a law of life that every
prevalent model sooner or later
provokes a reaction" so no wonder
we hear of people craving for
a simple life -

The human being craves this so
much that it has led men to leave
the City and go to the Country or Camp -

at times so much complexity has
been placed around food and how

to find Him that the free spirit of
man has said - "Stand out of the way
and let us through to God"

the simplicity that was in Jesus -

1. His earthly life - peasant - no where to
lay his head - when he died left only a
seamless robe - there have been rich
people who were happy but the riches
did not produce it -

"Love had he found in huts where poor men be
His daily Teachers had been woods & fields
The silence that is in the stormy sky
The sleep that is among the lonely hills -

2. His speech - "The common people
heard him gladly -

3. His salvation - "Follow me"

"There is life for a look at the Crucified
One"

4. His own soul - one master - of
many disturbing voices called - like
in the wilderness He struck to rock

Some weave their lives into a complex garment
want to be popular with this group - the leader
of this group - wants the security another
group will give - such a life can not be
lived without compromise - such a
life must fall - we must have the
single purposed simplicity that was
in Christ - Can't you hear him calling?