



GRASS SOURCE OF WEALTH

It is rather ironic that the common plant, grass, is actually the greatest single source of wealth in the entire world. Without it the human race would cease to be. In fact, without it, the human race would never have existed in the first place. It is one indispensable thing upon which everything else depends.

The basic reason a thing is valuable is because it is indispensable to the greatest number of people. Different people have different values and varying needs; all races do not consider the same thing as a basis for wealth. There is an almost endless list of items we consider essential to our well-being and the source of our worth. Fundamentally, they are not.

Real estate has been said to be the actual measure of how much a person, or even a nation, is worth. On that real estate, of course, you have forests, mines, oil and crops—all the things we know to be wealth. But the answer is not real estate, neither is it stocks or bonds, insurance policies, mortgages or even money in the bank. It is none of these things.

Sounds silly, doesn't it? It requires some thought before the implications become apparent. Men lived a long time on this earth before oil, coal, rubber, metal or a million other articles we cherished were discovered.

The fundamental reason behind everything is to live. The struggle to survive and to eat is the strongest emotion any living being possesses. It is more powerful than anything else in our lives. Even hunger, itself, is just another manifestation of the desperate effort to stay alive.

Grass covers nearly the entire earth. There is some kind that grows everywhere. It holds the earth in a solid whole. It furnishes food for grazing animals that become food for man. Some varieties of it form the entire food supply of entire races of people.

Wheat, barley, oats and rice all are forms of grasses. Even sugar cane and bamboo belong to this family.

Grass heals the scars on the earth's surface made by man or nature. It protects the roots of other plants. It enriches the soil, and retards the run of water that would otherwise erode the land.

All grass stems are jointed, each joint bearing a leaf. Both stem and leaf constantly are being renewed; it is the one plant that tries to go on forever.

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CAN YOU REMEMBER WHEN?

You're old enough to remember the real America if you can remember when you never dreamed your country could lose.

- When you left your front door open.
- When you went to church and the preacher preached from the Bible.
- When a girl was a girl - when a boy was a boy - and you could tell them apart.
- When even the word 'Socialism' was a dirty word.
- When the poor were too proud to take charity.
- When a nickel was worth five cents.
- When you bragged about your hometown - your state - and your nation.
- When the flag was a sacred symbol.
- When this Government stood up for Americans.
- When a man who went wrong was blamed - not his mother's nursing habits or his father's income.
- When everyone knew right from wrong.
- When things were not perfect and you didn't expect them to be.
- When people still had the capacity for indignation.
- When sick meant that you were not feeling well.
- When people expected less and valued what they had more.
- When everyone was not entitled to an annual wage whether he worked or not.
- When a man's word was his bond.
- When America was the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Anonymous

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ARE THERE ANY REAL SHORTAGES

Today we read and hear so much about "Shortages". The first thing we know we're completely brainwashed into believing it. Sure, we think first of all the material things that are short but let's look at the many pluses there are, such as:

Loyalty — between manufacturer, distributor, customer, management, employee, etc. You can assemble all these things into a BIG PLUS.

Confidence — Faith in the salesman who serves you and the employee who repays you in kind with dependability, honesty and a sincere effort to fill his responsibility.

Sharing — Opportunities to share successes, exchange ideas and put them to work for mutual benefit.

Caring — Offering a helping hand to our fellow-man regardless of his station, his color and/or his creed. This is the American tradition and no one is going to break it down.

Faith — Trust in the basic honesty of men and a restoration of belief in the American Ideals that have survived these many crises in our history. True, there may be forces from time to time that would attempt to shatter our morale but renewing our Faith in the Eternal God will carry us through.

As we approach the new season let us not forget our responsibilities to each other and make better use of the spiritual gifts that the Lord has placed within our grasp.

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