

# Keep it simple

Two Americans once visited Oxford University and were delighted when they were told that they would be spending the night in the very room where Mahatma Gandhi once stayed. However, there were two beds in the room and they didn't know which one had been Gandhi's. So they set their alarm for the middle of the night, and when it rang, changed beds. That way, they reasoned, each of them could say he had slept in a bed that Gandhi had once slept in. The next morning they proudly told their host what they had done.

He smiled as he said: "Ah, but when Gandhi slept here, he slept on the floor."

## MAD DASH

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THIS IS THE AGE  
OF THE HALF-READ PAGE  
AND THE QUICK HASH  
AND THE MAD DASH.  
THE BRIGHT NIGHT  
WITH THE NERVES TIGHT.  
THE PLANE HOP  
WITH THE BRIEF STOP.  
THE LAMP TAN  
IN A SHORT SPAN.  
THE BIG SHOT  
IN A GOOD SPOT.  
AND THE BRAIN STRAIN,  
THE HEART PAIN,  
AND THE CATNAPS  
TILL THE SPRING SNAPS—  
AND THE FUN'S DONE!

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**Measure wealth not by  
the things you have,  
but by the things you  
have that you wouldn't  
sell for money.**

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## WHO IS RICH?

One day a wealthy man sent his son on a trip to the country with the purpose of showing him how poor people can be. The boy spent a day and a night in the farm of a very poor family.

When he got home, his father asked him, "How was the trip?"

"Very good, Dad!"

"Did you see how poor people can be?" the father asked.

"Yeah!"

"And what did you learn?"

The son answered, "I saw that we have a dog and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of the garden; they have a creek that's endless! We have lamps

in the garden; they have the stars. Our patio reaches to the front yard; they have a field in front of their house that looks like it goes all the way to the edge of the earth."

When the little boy was finished, his father was speechless. His son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are!"

Isn't it true that it all depends on the way you look at things? If you have love, faith, friends, family, health, good humor, and a positive attitude towards life, you've got everything! Even if you have all the material goods you want, financial security, and provision for the future, if you are poor in spirit, you have nothing.

## Simple goals

What does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

—*The Bible, Micah 6:8 NKJ*

Give us courage and gaiety and the quiet mind.

—*Robert Louis Stevenson*

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt within the heart.

—*Helen Keller*