

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY



“The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively” - Bob Marley

As human beings, we have an urge to live comfortably. To meet this urge we set our goals accordingly and strive to achieve this. However our mind doesn't stop asking for more.... we keep changing our earlier set of goals and work towards achieving a far better life than what we set in the beginning. The result is that there is no end to this but at the same time we exhaust ourselves mentally and physically. This is more or less like a pedestrian adding more and more things to his baggage and later complains about having a hunchback.

If you read Luke 12:16-21, Jesus gives his disciples a classic example of the rich man who kept storing more and more for another day. This is what Jesus concluded by saying: *But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night you will have to give up your life; then who will get all these things you have kept for yourself?'* And Jesus concluded, *“This is how it is with those who pile up riches for themselves but are not rich in God's sight.”* - Luke 12:20-21

From a Gulf experience we see that many of us are worried for some reason or other. It could be the uncertainty in jobs or business, fulfilling obligations back home, studies, exams, bad health or many a times debts. Some of us might want to stress ourselves less and take it more easy to lead a comfortable life back home. Let's see what Jesus said to his disciples.

“And so I tell you not to worry about the food you need to stay alive or about the clothes you need for your body. Life is much more important than food, and the body much more important than clothes.” - Luke 12:22-26

Simple, when we are walking towards the Kingdom of God, let us free up our mind, limit our needs to our ability which can lead us to have a peaceful sleep everyday. We have to set our development targets, style of learning and development. Psalm 127 reminds us that unless the Lord builds the house, workers built it in vain. For the Lord provides for those He loves, while they are asleep.

This does not mean that we have to be lazy and not hard working. Without working hard we cannot achieve anything normally. We have to work hard and benefit from our own sweat. Therefore we have to set priorities for our activities and our time. There should be a place and time for everything. More important things should get more time. This approach will lead to success in the long run. True wisdom is the word of God revealed to the world.

Let us be faithful and thankful by giving ourselves into His hands to mould us as He desires. It is not our merit but God's grace that will prevail.

With best regards,

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