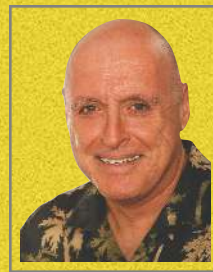


THE EXTRA POINT

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1177 Simplicity in Quotation Form

Question: Why do some people make life and work so complicated? Don't they know that all of it was meant to be simple? I'm Jerry Roberts, and we'll go digging for simple meanings, next on The Extra Point.

We're talking about simplicity today. What it is, why we want it, how to find it...here we go.

The first three are from anonymous sources. It's good stuff and somebody get the credit.

1. *"The most complicated skill is to be simple."*
— Anonymous

2. *"Simplicity is not about deprivation. Simplicity is about a greater appreciation for things that really matter."*
— Anonymous

3. *"Live simply. Dream big. Be grateful. Give love. Laugh lots."*
— Anonymous

4. *"Simplicity boils down to two steps: identify the essential. Eliminate the rest."*
— Leo Babauta, author

5. *"Simplicity is an exact medium between too little and too much."*
— Joshua Reynold, painter

6. *"That's been one of my mantras—focus and simplicity. Simple can be harder than complex: you have to work hard to get your thinking clean to make it simple."*
— Steve Jobs, Apple co-founder

7. *"A man is rich in proportion to the number of things he can afford to let alone."*
— Henry David Thoreau, poet and philosopher

8. *"Make room for things that matter by removing everything that doesn't."*
— Brian Gardner, writer

9. *"Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication."*
— Leonardo da Vinci, inventor

10. *"Order and simplification are the first steps toward the mastery of a subject."*

— Thomas Mann, novelist

The next one captures the essence of life for too many folks. Be careful.

11. *"Too many people spend money they haven't earned to buy things they don't want to impress people they don't like."*

— Will Rogers, humorist

12. *"Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple."*

— Theodor Seuss Geisel, aka Dr. Seuss

I believe we had this one another time, but it's so good it deserves another go.

13. *"All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope."*

— Winston Churchill, British prime minister

14. *"If everything is important, then nothing is."*

— Patrick M. Lencioni, leadership expert who will be presenting at the upcoming Live2Lead event, Nov. 29th at The Hyatt.

15. *"The definition of an expert: Someone who brings confusion to simplicity."*

— Gregory Nunn, athlete

16. *"Nature is pleased with simplicity. And nature is no dummy."*

— Isaac Newton, mathematician and physicist

That's the Extra Point. Be responsible and make something good happen today. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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