

the paradox
(a repeat daily)

"take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." luke 12:15 "the rich and the poor have this in common, the Lord is the maker of them all."
pro 22:2

i worry many have become so carnal in their nature. perhaps more so here in america where most have lived in the lap of plenty, or experienced the benefits of assistance. we cannot even imagine living in a grass hut with clean, with no running water, or wondering each day whether food or medical assistance may come. yes, there are many still like that. or perhaps they live in fear whether one's life may be endangered because they choose to call Jesus Lord.

i know this isn't descriptive of everyone, but how easily and deceptively one ventures from the narrow path. beloved, the day is far spent and the darkness is approaching; one can feel it in the Spirit. i'm just saying, "don't let the enemy distract you from the prize awaiting". we have need of endurance if we are to finish our race.

THE PARADOX OF OUR AGE
by dr. bob moorehead

we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints.

we spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less.

we have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time.

we have more degrees, but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, but more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

we drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry too quickly, stay up too late, get up too tired, pray too seldom, and watch too much TV.

we have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values.

we talk too much, love too seldom and lie too often.

we've learned how to make a living, but not a life, we've added years to life, not life to years.

we've been to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor.

we've conquered outer space, but not inner space, we've done larger things, but not better things, we've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul.

we've split the atom, but not our prejudice, We write more, but learn less, plan more, but accomplish less.

we've learned to rush, but not wait, we have higher

incomes, but lower morals, more food, but less
appeasement, more acquaintances, but fewer friends,
more effort, but less success.

these are the times of fast foods and slow digestion,
tall men, and short character, steep profits, and
shallow relationships.

these are the times of world peace, but domestic
warfare, more leisure and less fun, more kinds of food,
but less nutrition.

these are the days of two incomes, but more divorce, of
fancier houses, but broken homes.

these are the days of quick trips, disposable diapers,
throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies,
and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to
kill.

it is a time when there is much in the show window, and
nothing in the stockroom.

today, many want to gain the world at the "mere"
expense of their souls.

evil is contemplated and performed with both hands, yet
we cannot lift a finger for our fellow man.

may God have mercy on our souls. pray without ceasing.
let each of us examine our own ways.

i know none of this is the attitude of any of my readers, but it is prevalent in the world today. we must all show forth the love of Christ, not condoning lies, but standing up for the truth of the gospel. let us live to magnify His life and open a door for someone who is lost.

"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."
john 14:6