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You Will Always Be Rich (outline)

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---"YOU WILL ALWAYS BE RICH"---

II Cor. 9:10,11 - "He will multiply it and swell the harvest of your benevolence, and you will always be rich enough to be generous."

Be Real - D.H.

"A blown egg floats well, and sails well on every puff of wind - light enough for such performances, since it has become nothing but shell, with neither embryo nor nourishment for its growth."

It is so easy to be superficial.

Our youth are accusing us of this, rightly.

We exercise our position - power for our own ease and our own ends at the expense of integrity and the interests of others.

Be Responsive - D. H.

"Only that can be really yours which is another's, for only what you have given, be it only in the gratitude of acceptance, is salvaged from the nothing which some day will have been your life."

Service vs. self-serving.

"A subtle form of ingratitude."

--rich enough to be generous - not only with money, but with love and understanding and patience and helpfulness.

You may throw your weight around, but St. Paul says, without love it will profit you nothing, and

D. H. refers to this same nothing when he speaks of the nothing "your life will have been" without these qualities of generosity.

Be Religious - K. M.

No reference here to any sectarian creed or practice, denomination or church.

The reference is to your motivation.

To what audience will you play your life?

E.g. the football team which learned to play the game to their coach--it freed them from the frenzy of the crowd and released them to play beyond themselves.

Can you play your life, not to the public or to the body politic, but to the living Christ?

Anything else is betrayal, therefore irreligious.

Again, D.H. has said it - "It is not the repeated mistakes," though they may be many, "but the huge elementary mistake, the betrayal of that within me which is greater than I - in a complacent adjustment to alien demands."

Napoleon said it - "The greatest immorality is to occupy a position you cannot fill."

And more recently, Lawrence Peter said it in his reference to the tendency in organizations for men to reach their level of incompetence - and then stay in that position, despite unproductiveness, because of salary or political pull or tenure.

Remember, one's courage is measured by the degree of grace he maintains under pressure, and the hardest test of the life is whether it can bear a rival's failure without triumph.

This honesty, this integrity, this self-giving, this love that is greater than faith or hope - this is true religion. Can you play your life to that?