

## **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

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"We enter the world with nothing and leave with much the same. Kings and beggars both." - Dr Max DeBryn, Endeavour Series 9, Episode 2.

Actually it was Paul who said most of it first, 2000 years ago, but I heard it from the lips of DeBryn the other day and it struck a cord with me. I reminded me of the Coronation, when the King was stripped of his royal robes and was kneeling just in his plain clothes, when it came to the part where he was anointed with oil by the Archbishop. It is a powerful, visual reminder, that before God, we are all stripped of our earthly accomplishments, trophies, glory and status. We are all equal before Him, and what will matter the most then, will be our character and our acts of love, for God, for neighbour and to our selves.

### **BIBLE PASSAGES:**

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

- 1 Timothy 6:6-8

Jesus said - 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit - Matthew 7:16-18

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. - Galatians 6:22-23

### **PRAYER:**

You alone do we seek, O God, and you alone do we desire. For you alone do we long and for you alone do we hunger and thirst. And where you are, is heaven.

*Sadhu Sundar Singh, Indian mystic and evangelist (written 1922)*

Ever loving, ever loyal, everlasting God, You are the source of all our loving, you are indescribable beauty, you are life itself.

Drawing close to you, we are fed, drawing close to you, we are shown what love really is, drawing close to you, we are given food to feed others.

May we draw ever closer to you, the source, with joy, with energy, with intent, for only by experiencing your love can we love your creation, only by touching your heart can we find heart for others, only by feeling your closeness can we draw close to those who are lost. In the security of your love, enable us to love this broken world.

Amen

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