



Will more ever be enough?

He was a figure of gothic horror, ready for the grave. Emancipated, only 120 pounds stretched out over his six-foot-four-inch frame... thin scraggly beard that reached midway into his sunken chest, hideously long nails in grotesque yellowed corkscrews... Many of his teeth were black, rotting stumps. A tumor was beginning to emerge from the side of his head. ...innumerable needle marks...Howard Hughes was an addict. A billionaire junkie.

Michael Drosnin



If she were to take a credit card and go to Neiman Marcus for one day of unlimited shopping, acquiring every shoe she liked, every purse she fancied, every dress she admired, and every piece of jewelry her heart desired, would it be enough?

Answer: We'll never know...

Law of the Itch: No one ever made an itch go away by getting really good at scratching.

Joy and happiness

"Joy is happiness. But it is more. It is a feeling of being intensely overwhelmed. It is an experience of incredible fullness and pleasure; a spiritual awareness that something has entered your soul and you know that you will never be the same again. Happiness is a part of joy, but in addition there is a strong sense of being part of things, of being alive, of well-being and vitality. There is also a sense of being swept along by the force of God. When I have joy, I am at peace with God, with nature, with life, and with myself."

Robert and Jeanette Lauer (Joy Ride)

1Pete 1:8 NIV

"Completely satisfied"

If you're not completely satisfied with your spouse, give us a call.
If you're not completely satisfied with your body, give us a call.
If you're not completely satisfied with your church, give us a call.

John 15:9-11 NIV

Joy and hard times

*Circumstances

"Men are the sport of circumstances."
George Byron

Philippians 4:10-13 NLT

"Of course, it could be worse, I could have born a turkey."
Snoopy

"It could be worse..."

"I hope your stay is a blessed one," said the monk who showed him to his simple cell. "If you need anything, let us know, and we'll teach you to live without it."

Philip Yancy

*Worry

Matthew 6:25-34 Message

*People

"This would be such a great church if it weren't for the people."

Philippians 2:4 NLV

2Corinthians 12:9-10 NLV

The Station

Tucked away in the recesses of our mind is an idyllic vision. We see ourselves on a long journey that crosses mountains and plains. We are on a train, and out the window is an endless procession of cars motoring down nearby highways, children waving up at us from crossings, cows grazing on distant hillsides, fields of corn and wheat curtseying in the breeze, lakes and rivers, city skylines, and villages. But we don't notice. What we keep thinking about is the final destination. We will arrive at the station to marching bands and waving flags. Once we get there, our dreams will be fulfilled. The jigsaw pieces of our life will finally be assembled; the picture will finally be complete. In the mean time, we restlessly roam the aisles, checking our watches, ticking off the stops; always waiting, waiting, waiting for the station. Always wishing the train would go faster. The name of the train is more. The name of the station is satisfaction. "When we reach the station that will be IT!" we cry...

"When I'm eighteen."

"When I buy a new car."

"When I get the next promotion."

"When I lose weight."

"When we get married and have kids in the house."

"When the kids grow up and get out of the house."

"When I have paid off the mortgage."

"When we can afford a second house."

"When we finally retire and all the pressure is off, then I will live happily ever after."

We keep thinking that a train called more will get us to a station called satisfaction. What if trying to pursue satisfaction by having more is like trying to run after the horizon?

Hebrews 11:13-16 CEV

Contentment/Joy

Heaven