

Everyone born in this world requires money to fulfill his needs and wants even as money cannot ensure happiness all the time. I strongly believe that there are several ingredients other than money or wealth that add more meaning to life. Money should be viewed as something that is essential to fulfill our basic needs. When we earn money for the sake of accomplishing our basic needs we are in full command of the money we earn as we use it like a slave. On the other hand, individuals who are inspired by the need to lead a luxurious life by earning more money have the threat of getting enslaved by money. In other words, people who give more importance to ingredients other than money that are essential for a meaningful life will fail to see the beauty of worldly life. I am confident beyond doubt that love that encompasses a variety of ingredients helps man lead a meaningful life because it inspires him to treat fellow human beings the way he wants others to treat him.

According to me, a meaningful life is a life with a definite purpose that gives individuals a great deal of inner satisfaction. This understanding requires human beings to understand the purpose of their earthly existence. I can clearly see that the purpose of my life is to make others live happily, and making others happy does not require any money in the first place. Unconditional love for a fellow human being gives me more happiness than having a huge bank balance. More importantly, unconditional love and money do not go hand in hand. For instance, a person who supports a friend during a financial crisis does it with an unwritten condition that the friend will help him in turn in the future. The same person would not extend a helping hand if he is sure the person is incapable of helping him in the future. As unconditional love inspires a person to help someone only with the intention of enjoying inner peace, money is not an ingredient that is capable of making his life better.

When I am inspired by love I believe that love, and not money, is everything that is capable of addressing all challenges in life. Love motivates individuals to do good to others without expecting anything in return. In brief, love makes individuals share their wealth with others. People who are motivated by the necessity to make more money in order to lead a happy life always run after money. As money alone is their motivator they work hard and keep themselves engaged throughout the day. They fail to see the real beauty of this world because money cannot show them the same. I believe beauty is hidden on the smiling faces of hungry children when they are fed by unconditional love. Money cannot make a lonely person happy while an empathizing heart that makes someone listen to him can make a great difference in his life. The understanding that my life has a divine purpose always motivates me to be an instrument of peace in making others happy.

Empathy is another ingredient of love that is much valuable than money. Empathy makes me understand another person from his or her own perspectives. Most problems at home and workplaces originate due to lack of understanding between individuals. Money cannot solve a misunderstanding between two people. On the other hand, an attitude to think from the view point of another person can easily solve various problems in life. I am sure empathy as a personal value will guide me to do things that benefit others, both at home and workplace. Empathy also helps me to understand and respect others, irrespective of their background and cultural beliefs. As a result, when someone speaks to me angrily I can send him love rather than hatred by responding with a smile.

A well-lived life according to me is a life that makes me feel at ease every day without the need to earn more money and save for the rainy day. This also means that my consciousness about life purpose always inspires me to put my heart and soul into what I do each day without

thinking about the end result. Individuals who are inspired by a purposeful life know that they are not perfect; nor do they believe that money can help them become perfect. This understanding guides them to become better individuals each day by learning new things and changing their attitude about others and the world around them. Purpose driven life motivates me to see happiness as an ingredient of my own mind rather than seeking happiness in the world around me.

Another major ingredient of a meaningful life is a mindset to appreciate and protect nature. Making money is of no use unless I cannot protect the nature around me from pollution and reckless exploitation of natural resources. Money cannot give me fresh air that helps me breathe and sustain my life. Similarly, earning money is of no meaning unless my land doesn't produce anything to eat. Plants and animals living on earth, including mankind, depend on each other for their sustenance. Therefore, a commitment to protect the natural resources around me would add more meaning to my life because the creator of this world expects each and every individual to protect the planet for the sake of the future generations.

In conclusion, a meaningful life is one that makes individuals feel the happiness that is hidden in their mind rather than searching for happiness outside. As money cannot promise me happiness and fulfillment, I am always inspired by things that help me mature into a better person each day. More importantly, one can earn money easily whereas he cannot necessarily feel happy because he earns more. Loving one another and empathizing with others can add meaning to a person's life by helping him feel inner peace at all times. In brief, the realization that my life has a purpose beyond the necessity to make money continues to make me live a better and meaningful life.