

*Poverty of Spirit*  
vs.  
*The Spirit of Superfluity*

Poverty,  
voluntarily embraced,  
is spiritual enrichment;  
superfluity,  
eagerly pursued,  
is interior impoverishment.

Poverty is adequate  
and has enough;  
superfluity is excessive  
and has too much.

Poverty satisfies  
and ennobles;  
superfluity satiates  
and degrades.

Poverty is a  
true attainment;  
superfluity is a  
spurious possession.

You can live  
without superfluity;  
you live better  
in poverty of spirit.

Why do people  
flee poverty,  
when it is  
preferable to avoid  
superfluity?

We are too  
interdependent  
to ignore how  
the pursuit of  
superfluity  
forces the poor  
to live in  
destitution.

Poverty,  
according to St. Francis,  
is a lovely Lady;  
superfluity,  
in the way of the world,  
is an implacable mistress.

"Blessed are the  
poor in spirit,"  
says the Lord,  
"for they shall  
inherit the earth."

Woe, however,  
to the seekers  
of the superfluous,  
for they are  
raping the land.

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