

## *To Survive vs. To Thrive*

To be fully alive  
do not merely  
survive,  
but thrive.

To survive,  
you keep your head  
above water;  
to thrive,  
you plunge into  
the fountain of life.

To survive,  
you plod along  
the valley;  
to thrive,  
you gambol over  
the hills.

For those who survive  
work becomes  
a job;  
for those who thrive,  
employment is creative  
engagement.

Survival is fearful  
and doesn't take risks;  
thriving is bold  
and looks for opportunities.

Survival is cautious  
and seeks safety;  
thriving is adventurous  
and pushes the edges.

Survival maintains  
the status quo;  
thriving has more  
seeds to sow.

Survival can lead  
to stagnation;  
thriving wants  
to flourish.

In the Gospel parable  
the talents were given  
not to be buried  
for surviving,  
but to be invested  
for thriving.

Since time is short,  
therefore,  
strive to  
thrive  
and not merely  
survive.

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