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WOW, HOW CAN IT BE?

Well, living in today's world with just your basic necessities is totally impossible unless you are born into money. This money can run out, depending on the individual, their investing and spending habits. It may not even last to pass down to the next generation even if you wanted to. They say the more money you make the more you spend. I can see that happening.

If I had an abundance of cash let's be real, I would definitely spend it on things that I needed and

also wanted to tickle my fancy. I would get my teeth done, get the best skin and hair care money can buy. I would have all the best clothing, the latest things like the rich have. I might even have the occasional drink, only because I can afford the best alcohol on the market. I would be able to live wherever I wanted to, drive what I like and travel where I wanted to at least once a year.

That life would be too predictable and I would have to look for some excitement. I would need a true friend, that liked me for myself. That would be very hard for me as I would trust no one thinking everyone wanted to be my friend because of the money. I can only wonder what I would do if I had lost all that, still had my health and could buy anything money could buy in the material world, to keep up with the "Joneses" whomever they are. Do they even exist?



by **Judy Deal, Vendor and Editorial Contributor**

One's life is so very, very traumatizing to oneself. If you can just get by day by day comfortably with only minor stresses. Such as getting an appointment to look at an apartment or house you really want that you can afford. A regular Dentist, private Doctor and a regular routine grocery list each week would be nice. Having enough to get your laundry done each week. It would also be nice to have furniture that you have chosen to suit oneself. Isn't that the way it should be? Something that is nice and comfortable with a reasonable price. We would all like have some say in our life.

After all it is our life. Does any one really care that we are barely getting by each and every minute of the day, not knowing if and when we are or where are we going to eat or sleep. Let alone anything else in life. But the end result is death some sooner than others only because of the way the world is being run, by whom you say Greedy and more greedy individual with too much power, period. Things have to change for the better only as people can only take so much before they break and end up going in all different directions with no control.

Why can't we all work together to make life better for all mankind? It is time for all to pull together and help each other. We can do it. Together, as one big family. Bye for now. Straight from my heart.

Judy D.

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We have the painful duty of informing our community of readers of the passing of our esteemed vendor, editorial contributor, volunteer and strong supporter,
MR. RICK SCOTT
 on December 5th, 2009.

Our next issue will be dedicated to telling his life story and we ask anyone who'd like to contribute an anecdote, an experience, a thought about Rick, to please contact us at your earliest convenience. A memorial service is also being planned for the new year.

Our sincerest and heartfelt condolences to his family and friends, especially his loving wife, Gail Wilson.



May the light and hope that marks the season shine brightly in our hearts and be a force for change in the world

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