As Oliver Wendell Holmes, the great jurist, said:



"I wouldn't give a (fig) for the simplicity on this side of complexity; I would give my right (arm) for the simplicity on the far side of complexity."

What he said is exceptional with both physical/material and spiritual implications. Using two examples (time and money) all of us must deal with, successfully or poorly, we can better understand the profundity of Holmes' claim.

Simple

Complex

Simple

Atheist to Agnostic



Time is really kind of easy – all if it is mine – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week,

52 weeks a year until I die. All mine to do with as I please!

Agnostic to Christian



Maturing Christian

Time is simple

– it has much
less urgency
since eternity has h



since eternity has begun time will never end!

Again, it is easy - MINE,



MINE, MINE to do with as I please!

Too

This is not easy!
Everybody is demanding my money!
What am I to do?

Some move on (through education, religion or hard work) to the difficult and complex – beyond the understanding of most others – often into the quagmire and jungle of complexity.

I neither have anything



permanently that is mine nor did I earn anything! All things are gifts

from God and only tools, not good masters!

While only a few see the possibility and beauty of the simplicity on the far side of complexity that only comes through revelation!

The tongue of the wise commends knowledge.

Proverbs 15:2

The mouth of the fool gushes folly. Proverbs 15:2

many people

satisfied living in simplicity

of platitudes, clichés, simple

answers – these are the ones.

unfortunately, that are the

For as Jesus promises:

largest voting bloc.

Whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God. John 3:21

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. ^{2 Peter 3:18}

Life gets MUCH simpler – ONLY if, by and through a growing grace, we come into THE light!