

Quotes & Connections



"Many examples of excess we see in our Western world lead us to conclude that having 'too much' may lead to unhappiness.... let us give thanks that most of us have neither poverty nor riches (Proverbs 30:8). We are thankful that there is no spiritual gap between the rich and the poor in the kingdom of heaven. All are invited and welcome at the table of the Lord." —Greg Albrecht, Letters to My Friends: Our Journey of Grace Through Faith

"Christmas is God lighting a candle; and you don't light a candle in a room that's already full of sunlight. You light a candle in a room that's so murky that the candle, when lit, reveals just how bad things are." —N.T. Wright

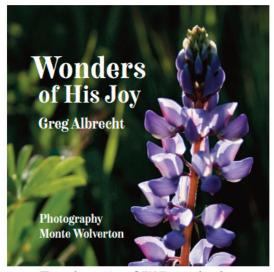
"The trouble with steeling yourself against the harshness of reality is that the same steel that secures your life against being destroyed secures your life also against being opened up and transformed by the holy power that life itself comes from." —Frederick Buechner

"To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch Heaven."

—Johannes A. Gaertner

"In religion and politics people's beliefs and convictions are in almost every case gotten at second-hand, and without examination, from authorities who have not themselves examined the questions at issue but have taken them at second-hand from other non-examiners, whose opinions about them were not worth a brass farthing."—Mark Twain

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