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**Whoever loves money never has money
enough;
whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with
his income.**

Ecclesiastes 5:10

Balancing Aid

Spectators looked up to chillingly watch the family Wallendas precariously balance themselves, in human pyramid, on a single narrow wire some thirty stories above a busy street. Little by little they moved away from a platform that secured their safety. And little by little they progressed toward the safety of another platform several hundred feet away. In between, only a tightly strung wire and the balancing aid of a long pole, tipping up and down, and side to side, separated them from almost certain death.

The performance of a daredevil balancing act is the means the Wallendas family earn a living. Balance is their gift and they risk their lives on it. Balance is important to every life, and though most of us don't risk our physical lives like the Wallendas, it is significant to our well being.

Balance is an equal measure of not too much, but not too little. Yet we pursue life as if there is never enough. More is better. But is it so? Is it always better to have more, or can there be too much?

Her wealth was more than sufficient to support an extravagant lifestyle, and her possessions included the finest jewelry human eyes have ever seen. Yet she lived in virtual seclusion from the outside world in fear of someone stripping away her wealth. She seldom ventured from her home, and she kept her jewelry, with all its brilliance, securely hidden in a bank vault. Her life was in bondage to her riches, tipped out of balance not from need, but from abundance.

The Wallendas use a long pole to help them keep their balance, but it works only if used with great skill. To tip it too far would be just as deadly as not enough. But as they precariously balance themselves as a human pyramid on a narrow wire, the key to their balancing act is not the balancing pole. The key to their balancing act is trust.

Balance is important to our well being. We pursue abundance in quest of it; but abundance may be as deadly as not enough. The key to balance is trust. And the balancing aid is found in the Lord.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6) [...for] those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

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