RESPONSE TO THINK IT OVER

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“Think It Over,” a poem that made the reader realize that the insights and aspirations of people and their goals and characteristics are opposite. The poem discusses the things that a society possesses are very conflicting to its natural physiognomies. The poem discloses the attitudes of people are in contrast to their outlook in life. The poem unveils that the material things a person may possess are truly incompatible to the needs of that person. The poem divulges that we have to think it over not once, not twice, but as many as we can so that we can make any modification of what we are experiencing in our paradox lives.

The poem is somehow an irony to its stanzas and among its lines. There were four (4) lines that possess symbolism of a consciousness that may affect the lives of every person: (a) “Broader freeways but narrower viewpoints;” (b) “Acquire more but enjoy less;” (c) “Make more promises but less commitments;” and (d) “Talk much but act too little.”

“Broader freeways but narrower viewpoints” – The line comes along with the following: We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but more problems; more medicine, but less wellness. The lines came from a poem entitled “The Paradox of Our Time in History” that has its resemblance to the poem “Think It Over” These line make us realize that we have to think over and over again to discover the gap between the paradox of time and lives of people.

“Acquire more but enjoy less” – We have a world ruled by money, material, wealth and possessions, so that instead if controlling and managing it, money controls and manages
us. We have allowed money to become an end, instead of the means to an end which is rightly is. As a result, we now have more money but less values, spend more but possess little, we acquire more but enjoy less, have bigger cars but lone passengers, have huge mansion but tiny families, and no matter how much we have we are never satisfied and so we want more.

“Make more promises but less commitments” – We make commitments every day. They can be simple or life-changing — from simply promising to complete a task to making a lifelong commitment such as becoming a parent or asking for someone’s hand in marriage. But do we take our commitments seriously? Commitments often fail because people: Lack personal responsibility. Some people make commitments too easily. Then, as soon as the wind changes direction, they head for the exit. Make a minimal commitment. Some folks are afraid of getting hurt so they dip their toe in the water rather than jumping in. Play the field. Some people don’t like to be tied down. They’d rather settle for several superficial relationships than one meaningful one. “Jump ship” for a better offer. Some folks are opportunists. They’re always on the prowl for a better situation. Look out for number one. Some people are strictly out for themselves. These selfish folks have a hard time making a commitment that requires even minimal sacrifice. Keep score. Some folks treat a relationship as a competition. They can’t stand being on the losing end, even for a short period. Make too many commitments. Some people can’t find the words or courage to decline a request. They end up breaking their promise; one that they never felt comfortable about making from the start. “Chicken out” during tough times. Some people have no character. As soon as something goes south, they’re nowhere to be found.

“Talk much but act too little” – Talking is overrated. It’s what we do that matters. But if we are honest, we all talk too much and do too little. We say that the new company strategy is the best we had in years but, deep down, we don’t understand it. We say a good leader needs to act transparent, but that last little project hick-up is best covered up.
It might cost us our next promotion. And, nobody will likely notice anyway. We say people development is crucial, but we don’t need it ourselves and the people in our team are too busy running the business. We say that simplicity is crucial, but have just implemented two new software tools. We say communication is key, but always postpone it until the next phase is ready. We say strategy execution is important, but we don’t teach our people how to do it. We say we love innovation and dwell about the success of Apple, but we have not produced a single new idea in the last 12 months and shot at least 20 from our peers. The problem isn’t in what we say. It’s what we do.

As a person, we have to think it over. We have to think more that as much as we can do. We must discover what is the meaning of life for today we will live and tomorrow is always unknown for us.

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