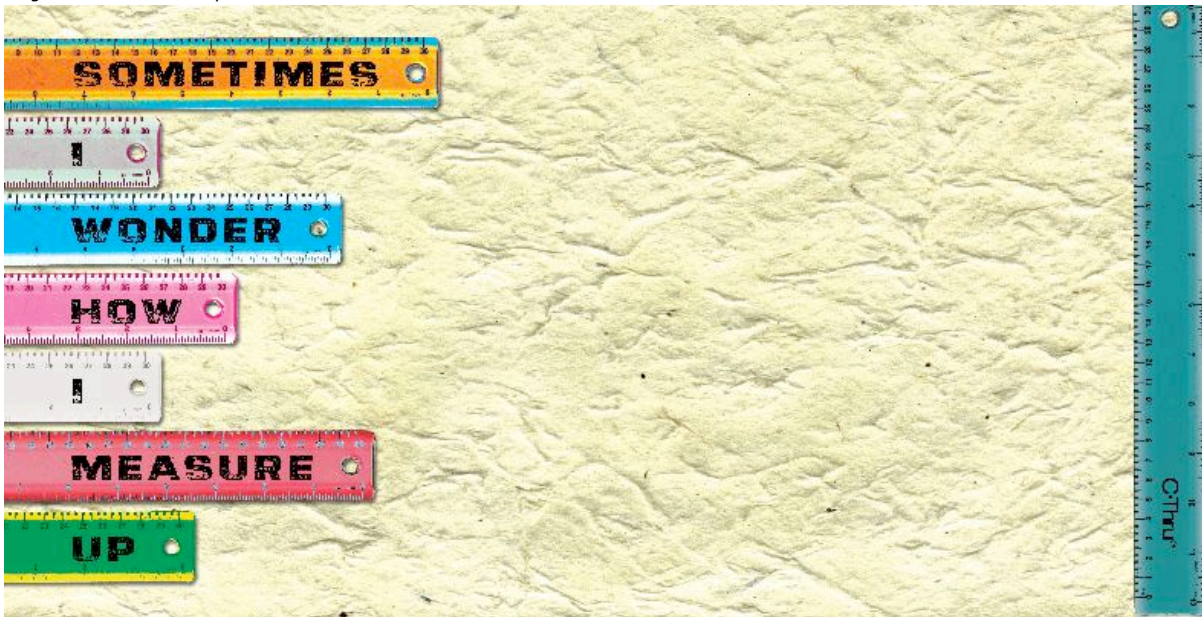


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Measuring Up

How much is enough? Zero.

"Life is good, and I don't need a single thing more than what I currently have."

That is a statement of power and grace.

But is that what you truly believe? How do you really measure yourself? Do you use an inward ruler? Or is it based on the rest of society? Is it material?

Money isn't evil. But its perception can be.

In our society, money is the numbers on a scorecard, the points in a ranking, the benchmark, the milestone, the game plan for victory.

It is the car you drive, the zip code you live in, the house you own, the vacation you take, the job you succeed at. Money is status. Money is success. Money is happiness.

But is it really?

There are plenty of people who have money, and no happiness. Money can buy lots of things, but not that.

Why?

In society, the benchmarks of success move like hands on a clock.

The demands: be better, get more, do it faster.

The competition: always someone with more, always a person whose life is better in some aspect.

The problem: that is all outward, perception, an endless, unsatisfying cycle that will inevitably land you back at the beginning, with nothing...zero.

The media plays this game well. Physical appearance, social status, professional titles - these are all toys that they can sell. This is yet another way for them to create scarcity, to compel you to purchase, to profit off of your ego. But it won't give you what you want. It only represents a life spent trying to attain a perch you couldn't possibly reach.

It's time to stop comparing, climbing, searching. It's time to look elsewhere, the only place that really matters.

Success, happiness, real power...those are all found within. Those are the currency of fulfillment, and they are readily within your reach.

The price tag? Zero.

Until next time - Passion Rules!