

My Fixed Income by Gene Warnick

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I am retired. I have three different pensions: social security, a company pension I received upon retirement from my job, and a pension from the union to which I belonged. I therefore have a “fixed income.”

This is what I hear from my friends: “You have a fixed income.” So I am limited in what I can buy. I cannot afford to do many of the things more affluent people do. I must depend on my monthly checks for my rent, groceries, utility bills, entertainment, donations, and all other expenses. I must also be sure I save to take care of any emergency that might come up.

I got a little perplexed hearing about my fixed income.

Why should I have an income that gives me just so many dollars a month? If God is my supply, and that supply is infinite, why is my income fixed or inflexible? Why must I work in limitation?

Then it came to me. I do have a fixed income. It is fixed by *my* own consciousness. I can fix it to meet my needs by bringing my consciousness to the level of my needs. I can do this by letting the infinite supply of God manifest itself through me for my best good. It does not always come to me as money. Supply can come in many ways: gifts, services, and the many acts of love from others.

Most important, though, is the bringing of our consciousness to that state of oneness with God within, with the realization, as Tennyson put it, that God is closer “than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet.” This is the true sense of being a child of God, the true Christ consciousness emerging in us.

When we become open and receptive to divine supply, God fixes our needs. God tells us, “Before they call I will answer” (Is.65:24).

Yes, I have a fixed income. I fix it myself in my consciousness by my use of that infinite supply we all have access to. I do so by accepting my role as a child of God and following in the footsteps of the Master.