

Seeds of Hope, Stories for Lent #16 – Millard Fuller’s Marriage

Millard Fuller was a 29 year-old successful businessman and self-made millionaire. He was able to buy his lovely wife, Linda, everything he thought her heart desired.

But one day, he came home from work and was shocked to discover a note from his wife saying she had left him. She was leaving their marriage.

He spent the night frantically searching for her until he was finally able to track her down. Together, they talked through the night and into the next morning about their failing marriage.

He soon learned that he had failed to satisfy her greatest needs and desires. In spite of the fact that he thought he was taking good care of her, she informed him that what she really needed was his time, his attention, and his love.

She felt he had neglected her all those years and appeared to be more married to his business, than to her.

At that very moment, Millard had a change of heart. He promised he would completely rearrange his life. Then, the two of them, Millard and Linda, knelt down, right there where they were, and dedicated the rest of their lives and their marriage to the Lord.

What is more, they decided to sell most of their wealthy possessions and devote themselves to a common mission of helping the poor and the homeless.

This couple, Millard and Linda Fuller, went on from there to found what we know today as “*Habitat for Humanity*,” an organization that provides thousands of houses throughout this country for the once homeless.

Former President Jimmy Carter has been a tireless advocate for this powerful ministry. So let us pray, today, that God will bless us with the desire and the ability to do His work and be one with the Lord.

Only then will we be truly rich.

Amen? Amen!

For further reflection...

- 1. ‘What do you feel is cluttering your life, keeping you from a better relationship with God?’***
- 2. Are you ready to right now get down on your knees and dedicate your life to God, asking him how you can serve Him?***

“Do not lay up for yourselves on earthly treasures where moths and rust destroy and thieves break in and steal. But instead store up heavenly treasure which neither moths nor rust destroy, nor thieves break in and steal.” Matthew 6: 19-20