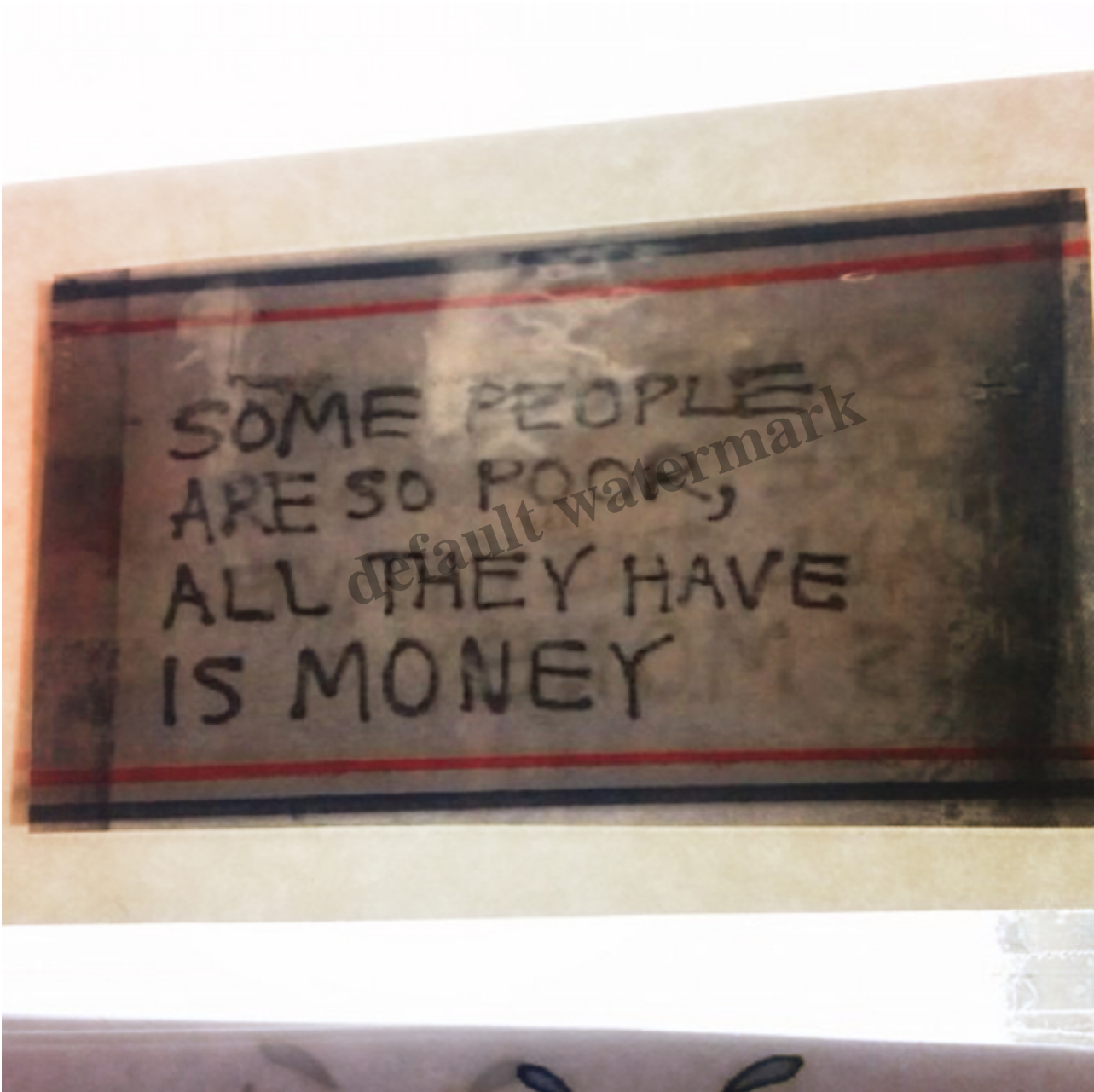


Money and Family

Description



Some people are so poor, all they have is money.

While I write a lot about #dayresavings #financialfreedom #getrich , it is important to remember that true riches does not include just monetary wealth, but also the intangibles like relationships, health and being content. That is my philosophy.

It has been a while since I wrote fiction. Here's an inspired short story for the day:

"I'll be there tonight for sure, I promise", he said, kissing his seven-year-old daughter on the forehead. "I'll see you later on the stage!"

With just 30 minutes to spare before he was officially late for work, Daniel left the house in a hurry, flagging down a cab and hoping that he would make it into office before his manager did. As she had a hot temper and was particularly strict about punctuality, Daniel always made sure he was in office at least 15 minutes before 9am, which was when she often came in. However, he had overslept this morning.

He nervously glanced at his watch. Only 5 minutes to go, yet the cab was still on the expressway. He thought about what his manager would say if he was late and slumped back into his seat.

As luck would have it, he ran into the office only to find her sitting at her desk, waiting for him. "You're late," she said with pursed lips as she studied him from head to toe for a few seconds before turning her attention to a stack of files by her desk. "I want these documents reviewed and corrected before you knock off today".

Daniel took one look at the files and groaned. They would take him at least a day to complete, and he had another proposal that was due before lunch warranting his immediate attention. He worked up his courage and started, "But I need to leave on time today. My daughter..."

“No buts,” his manager cut him off abruptly before he could finish his sentence. “You’re late, so that is your own fault. Whatever it is, I want to see these completed and on my desk before tomorrow morning”.

That was how he ended up missing his daughter’s first piano recital, but it wouldn’t be the last. As the sole breadwinner in the family, Daniel needed his career to flourish so that he could provide for his wife and daughter. With a manager as tough as his and who wouldn’t take no for an answer, Daniel often had no choice but to sacrifice family time for his career. As a result, he would go on to miss his daughter’s graduation and many more performances after. Single-mindedly chasing his career also led him to neglect his beautiful wife, and it wasn’t long before she divorced him in tears, taking their daughter with her.

Before he knew it, his baby girl had blossomed into a charming young woman, soon to become someone else’s bride. But he was not invited to the wedding.

Some things in life, once he lost them, could never be recovered no matter how hard he tried. If Daniel had a chance to go back in time, he would have made sure he made it for that first recital, and for all the other family milestones after that.

But it was too late.

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Don't neglect the small moments – these moments are what life is made of.

When we are financially free, we can spend time on the things or people who matter to us, instead of being a slave to our work in order to pay the bills.

I hope to reach this milestone before 50, if not earlier! That's 16 years before retirement ?

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