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A Matter of Levels

She was no more than a girl of eight, this pretty little one who sat on my lap dressed for the wedding reception and contemplating her own way-off marriage.

“And what would you want your husband to be?” I asked. “Rich!” she quickly responded. (That’s one level, I thought — and first thrusts can be shallow.)

“Rich, anything else?” I asked. “Pretty!” she responded. (Another level — deeper too — I thought.)

“Rich and Pretty! Is that all?” ——— “and nice,” she added. (Now, that’s a more lasting level!) “Would you rather he be nice or pretty?” I asked. “Nice,” she said.

“How ’bout rich or nice?” “Nice,” she admitted. She knew as well as I the most important level.

As physicians, even dermatologists, you work at a middle level — Spending much of your time with the *inner* man. Yet, we are aware there is an even deeper level — the eternal one! Not just what makes a man *a* man, but what makes him *this* man. While professionally we observe and study the surface-side, probe and explore the inside, may we all touch and respect the innermost side.

“Drink deep or taste not of the pyerian spring.” Dig deep or dabble not with our fellow man!

It’s more than a matter of level!

Father Charles Scherer

*It's not what's in the hand
It's not what is the hand
It's what the hand can do!*