

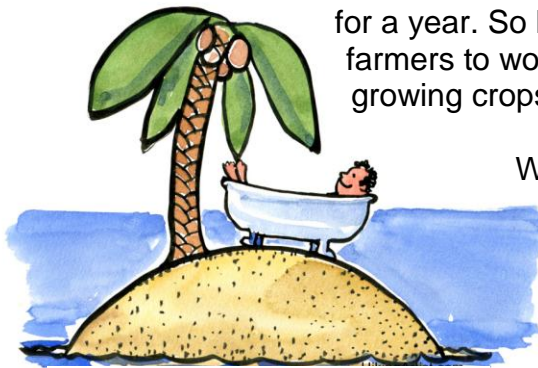
King for a Year

Sigmund Freud's favorite story was about a sailor shipwrecked on a South Sea island. He was seized by the natives, hoisted to their shoulders, carried to the village, and set on a rude throne.

Little by little, he learned that it was their custom once each year to make some man a king – king for a year.

The sailor liked the idea until he began to wonder what happened to all the former kings. Soon he discovered that every year, when his kingship was ended, the king was banished to an island, where he starved to death.

The sailor did not like that, but he was smart, and he was king – king for a year. So he put his carpenters to work making boats, his farmers to work transplanting fruit trees to the island, farmers growing crops, masons building houses.



When his kingship was over, he was banished – not to a barren island, but to an island of abundance.

It is a good parable of life. We are all kings here – kings for a little while – able to choose what we shall do with the stuff of life.

The Bible is clear about our prospect – what we can do once our “reign” on this earth is over – and the importance of planning ahead:

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal” (Matthew 6:19-20).

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– Beecher Hunter