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Rather than send my words this month, I thought I would share two of my all time favorite quotes - one from Winston Churchill and the other from William Morris. These two men may not have had a lot in common (well they were both English), yet they both seemed to have known something about the importance of our built environments and how to live in them well.

A third quote is new to me. It is from Rabindranath Tagore who speaks to the importance of imbuing our homes with the 'chi', beauty and soul, that we choose - not the ones we inherited or have simply acquired through time.

"We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us."

Winston Churchill (1874 - 1965 British Statesman)



"Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful."

William Morris (1843 - 1896 English Textile Designer)



"Love gives beauty to everything it touches. Not greed and utility; they produce offices, but not dwelling houses. To be able to love material things, to clothe them with tender grace, and yet not be attached to them, this is a great service. Providence expects that we should make this world our own, and not live in it as though it were a rented tenement. We can only make it our own through some service, and that service is to lend it love and beauty from our soul. Your own experience shows you the difference between the beautiful, the tender, the hospitable, and the mechanically neat and monotonously useful."



Rabindranath Tagore (1861 - 1941 Indian poet and writer)

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