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Why Worry?

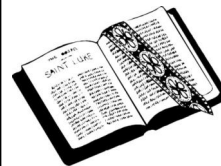
W. B. Knight

A French soldier in World War I carried with him this little advice about worry, "Of two things, one is certain. Either you are at the front, or you are behind the lines. If you are at the front, of two things one is certain. Either you are exposed to danger, or you are

in a safe place. If you are exposed to danger, of two things one is certain. Either you are wounded, or you are not wounded. If you are wounded, of two things one is certain. Either you recover, or you die. If you recover, there is no need to worry. If you die, you can't worry. So, why worry?"

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Worry, a Denial of Faith

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If prayer rules the life, victory results.

☞ Prayer is an acknowledgment of faith; worry is a denial of faith.

☞ Prayer is putting my hand in God's, trusting in His loving guidance; worrying is withdrawing my hand, and denying His power to lead me.

☞ Prayer leads through the door of faith into the presence of God; worry leads through the door of anxiety into the darkness of loneliness and discouragement.

Spiritual Sabotage

Author Unknown

"Sabot" is the French word for a wooden shoe. Sabotage, then, was the practice of throwing a wooden shoe into machinery to stop work. It has come to mean any attempt to hinder production or spoil a product.



There is a "wooden shoe" that Satan would cast into our souls to hinder us in accomplishing the plan of God. That "sabot" is worry, which casts a cloud between the soul and God. It paralyzes the spirit, sours the disposition, and hinders Christian service. Jesus was aware of this when He bade us "Take therefore no thought for the morrow ..." (*Matthew 6:34*). He was not encouraging indifference or laziness, but exhorting us to trust our Father. Watch out for wooden shoes! Down with spiritual saboteurs.

God Always Watches

The Christian Century

An elderly woman in England had withstood many WWII bombings with amazing grit. When asked the secret of her fortitude amidst such frightful danger, she replied, "Well, every night I say my prayers, and then I remember how the parson told us God is al-



ways watching; so I go to sleep. After all, there's no need for two of us to lie awake."

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." – 1 Peter 5:7

Enjoying Her Worries?

Prophetic News

A woman was once being called upon by a victorious Christian, who, after listening to her tale of woe, told her of the way to victory and joy through Christ Jesus. The poor woman listened intently and, when her visitor had finished, looked up with a frightened face and said, "Oh, but I don't want to ever come to the place where I can't worry!" The poor soul seemed to feel a great loss would come to her, if she could not worry. She had spent so much of her time in

this way, she would be lonely if she stopped and let the Lord carry her and her burdens.

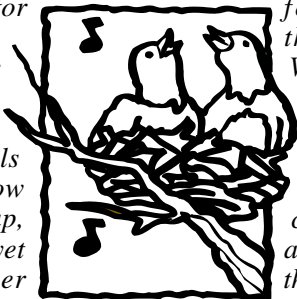
When to Worry

Sandy Lake Breeze

*When we see the lilies
spinning in distress,
Taking thought to
manufacture loveliness;
When we see the birds all build-
ing barns for store,
T'will then be time for us to
worry — not before!*

Matthew 6

"Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the



field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Matthew 6:25-34

"Anxiety springs from the desire that things should happen as we wish rather than as God wills."

Letting God Govern

Sunday School Times

When Bulstrode Whitelock was embarking as Cromwell's envoy to Sweden in 1653, he was much disturbed in mind as he rested in Harwich on the preceding night, while he reflected on the distracted state of the nation. It happened that a servant slept in an adjacent bed. Upon finding that his master could not sleep, he said, "Pray, sir, will you give me leave to ask you a question?"

"Certainly."

"Pray, sir, do you not think that God governed the world very well before you came into it?"

"Undoubtedly."

"And pray, sir, do you not think that He will govern it quite as well when you are gone out of it?"

"Certainly."

"Then sir, pray excuse me, but do not you think you may trust Him to govern it quite as well as long as you live?"

To the question Whitelock had nothing to reply, but turning about, soon fell fast asleep.

Christian, don't you think God can govern the circumstances and steps of your life as He did for the Prophets and Apostles of old?

Nuthin' to Worry 'Bout

Bible Expositor and Illuminator

A washerwoman who had a very happy disposition was a constant source of surprise to her employer. She was never in the dumps. She never had any despondent spells, but was always rejoicing in the Lord. She was a very poor woman. She lived in two small rooms with almost no furniture or comforts of any kind; yet, at the age of 59, she was quite happy and contented.

One evening her employer said to Mrs. Jackson, "What makes you so happy all the time? I never see you in the dumps. I never see you crying over anything. What is the secret of your constant joy?"

Her reply was wonderful. She said, "I have no money to lose; so I never worry 'bout losing nuthin'. What little furniture I has at home has all been given to the Lord; so if it gets stole or burned up, the Lord done burned up His own stuff. He never burned up nuthin' of mine. And then I has a big, healthy body, and if I gets sick and dies, I'se going right to be with Jesus; so I never worry 'bout that. I'd just as soon that would come. So, you see, I haven't nuthin' to worry 'bout; so I just sings."

"Worry is a kind of insult to the Lord. It's like throwing His promises and assurances back into His face and saying they're no good and you don't trust Him." — Fletcher