

Matthew 6:34

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Words to Find:
 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.

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Focus on Yourself

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“Peter seeing him saith unto Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry til I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.” John 21:21-22

Peter, like so many of us, was too focused on other people’s business, and not focused enough on his own when it came to his personal relationship with the Lord. Like Peter, we tend to con-

cern ourselves with what other people are, or are not, doing for the Lord, but often neglect our own responsibilities to Him. Jesus did not answer Peter’s question, but instead spoke to the issue Peter needed to have addressed. He quickly redirected Peter’s attention to his own relationship and responsibilities to Him.

Have you been too concerned with other people’s spiritual lives and not enough with your own relationship with the Lord?

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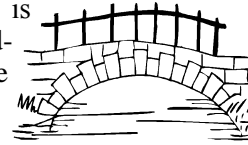



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Day by Day

C. H. Spurgeon

Why is it you will be troubling yourself about the things of tomorrow? A common saying is, “Cross a bridge when you come to it.” That is good advice. Do the same.



When a trouble comes, attack it, and down with it, and master it; but do not begin now to forestall your woes.

“Ah! But, I have so many,” says one. Therefore I say, do not look further before thee than thou needest. “... Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.” (Matthew 6:34)

Do as the brave Grecian did, who, when he defended his country from Persia, did not go into the plains to fight, but stood in the narrow pass of Thermopylae. There, when the myriads came to him, they had to come one by one, and he felled them to the earth. Had he ventured into the plain, he would have been

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“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,

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melted like a drop of dew in the sea.

Stand in the narrow pass of today, and fight thy troubles one by one; but do not rush into the plains of tomorrow, for there thou wilt be routed and killed.

Shadows

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It is said that engineers on the railroad dislike moonlight nights, because during those times the created shadows make driving the locomotive difficult. They see a shadow across the track just ahead. It looks like a man, a horse, or a tree; but it is not. It is only a shadow of something extending across the rails.

We spend a lot of energy just fighting shadows. We are prone to mistrust God and to see great troubles rising up before us. Time after time we have come to the place, and either like the women at Christ's tomb, find the trouble removed, or have found that God has given us grace to overcome it. One trouble is scarcely past until we are looking into the future for possible new ones, forgetting we have a promise for all the days to come: "...My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness ..." (II Cor. 12:19).

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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."

Sit and Listen

Author Unknown

A child was lost in the woods. She wandered all day long, hearing nothing but her own sobs, and the rustling of the leaves under her feet and the tearing of the branches and undergrowth at her clothes. At last, utterly wearied, she sat down. Then, in the stillness, she heard the calls of her rescuers. She might have heard them before had she been quiet, for they had been hunting for her and calling all day long.

If we would stop murmuring and complaining, we would be



"When you get to your wit's end, you'll find that's where God lives."

able to hear Christ calling us to peace and service. We would hear Him calling us home from the world's distractions to eternal realities and His own calming presence.

All for Good

Gene Griffin

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

*All for good!
Precious be the thought!
But, Lord there are storms
Which Thy hand hath wrought!
So Lord how can it be?
How can I see
Your Hand in this
For my good?*

*By faith we look beyond the storms
To the rainbow in the clouds.
We look by faith at the shroud,
Beyond the dark threads Thy pattern weaved.
It is then that our heart believed
In the working of Thy loving Hand,
Working together all things by Thy plan.*

*All for good?
Yes! It is true!
God is working His plan in you!
The sunshine and rain
The dark threads - our gain!
One day it shall all be plain!
All things work together for good.*

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

Prayer Versus Worry

Author Unknown

- ❖ Prayer is an acknowledgement of faith. Worry is a denial of faith.
- ❖ Prayer is putting one's hand in God's, trusting to His loving guidance. Worry is withdrawing our hand, and denying His power to lead.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ If prayer does not cancel worry, worry will cancel prayer.

Badge of Lack of Faith

Author Unknown

The late Dr. Peter Marshall, chaplain of the United States Senate, prayed this prayer at the opening of the Senate: "Help us to do our very best this day and be content with today's troubles, so that we shall not borrow the troubles of tomorrow. Save us from the sin of worrying, lest stomach ulcers be the badge of our lack of faith. Amen."

"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."

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