

If God has Done the Greater, Will He Not Also Do the Lesser?



Matthew 6:25-30

In Matthew 6 our Lord tells us three times not to worry or be anxious (verses 25, 31, 34). His instruction begins in verse 25: “Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought [don’t worry, be not anxious] 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?”

The argument goes from the greater to the lesser. If God has given you the amazing gift of life, then will He not also give you the necessary food and drink needed to sustain that life? And if God has given you a body that is fearfully and wonderfully made, will He not also provide the clothing that is needed for this body? Think of a father who greatly loves his son. This father knows that his son desires to excel in the sport of tennis. So at great expense, he builds for his son a beautiful paved tennis court on his property. If the father went all out to provide a tennis court, would he not also provide his son with a tennis racket and balls?

Our Heavenly Father delights in providing the basic needs of His beloved children (Phil. 4:19; Psalm 23:1; 34:10). May we delight in trusting Him for our daily necessities. **God is faithful!** Worry is an insult to our Provider, an evidence of unbelief. When I worry, it’s because I don’t really believe God will meet my needs.

“Let us give up our work, our thoughts, our plans, ourselves, our lives, our loved ones, our influence, our all, right into His hand, and then, when we have given all over to Him, there will be nothing left for us to be troubled about, or to make trouble about” (J. Hudson Taylor).

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Work Today Instead of Worrying About Tomorrow



Matthew 6:31-34

Our Lord taught that anxious care about tomorrow is foolish; each day has enough evil [trouble, problems] of its own (Matt. 6:34). I can lay hold of the present moment, but tomorrow is out of my reach (James 4:13-15). Only God knows the future (Prov. 27:1). It is wise to plan for the future but senseless to worry about it. Today’s cares are enough. How foolish to **add** tomorrow’s cares to those of today! Tackle today’s troubles, and let tomorrow take care of itself.

The Lord does not give us strength to face tomorrow’s problems today, but He gives ample strength and grace to work on today’s problems (2 Cor. 12:9-10). The burden of tomorrow’s cares added to the load of today’s trouble is too much for any man to bear.

Suppose as a lumberman, your assignment is to cut down an entire forest. Instead of worrying about whether you will ever be able to complete the job, you begin working on it. You pour all your strength and energy and effort into the work, and you are amazed to see several tall trees fall down each day. Soon you realize that the forest was not as big as you first thought it was. The legend is told of one lumberman who worked in this way, giving his all to the job each day (Col. 3:23). Finally after weeks of hard work he reported back to his boss, “I finally finished cutting down the **Sahara Forest.**” *In fact, he did so well that they had to rename it!*

Worry accomplishes nothing. Worry is unable to cut down even one tree. As the days advance, nothing is being done, the forest continues to stand, and the worry intensifies. We must apply ourselves diligently to the task at hand, trusting God for whatever He has for us in the days ahead.

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