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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!*

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