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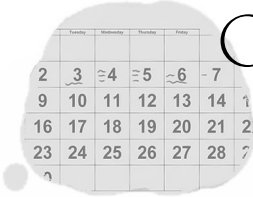
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2) We must not be anxious nor worried about tomorrow. "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" (*Matt. 6:34*). How foolish to add tomorrow's cares to those of today! Tackle today's trouble; tomorrow will take care of itself. The burden of tomorrow's cares added to the load of today's trouble is too much for any saint to bear. We must put all of our strength, energy, and resources into solving today's problems in God's strength.

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