

Matthew 6:25 & 34

Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Worry, worry, worry, we have all done it, some more than others, yet we have all at one time or another worried about something.

How am I going to pay my rent or car payment this month?

How am I going to afford to eat this month?

How am I going to pay this bill?

Does he or she like me?

I can't find a job what am I going to do?

Will they still like me if they find out I have become a Christian?

We can go on and on with things we have worried about, and I'm sure during this time of year there are things you may be worrying about. But think about a baby, when a baby is hungry or cold or doesn't feel good, what does a baby do? Yep, it cries. And who is the baby crying out to help him or her? Yep their mom or dad. If a baby is hungry does a mom say, "Oh no, my baby is hungry, what am I going to do?" No, because a mom has the means to feed a little baby, either with breast milk or formula.

If God has supplied something that awesome (The mom being it's child food supply) how much more can He supply all our needs... not out greed's, but our needs.

So what do we do? Simply turn your worries into prayer.

I know it sounds way to simple, yet we tend to make the gospel and the bible more difficult than it is. We know we are saved by grace.

† **Ephesians 2:8** *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God*

We all know this and share it with the lost. But this is verse 8 of Ephesians chapter 2. If we believe verse 8, why don't we follow verse 9 as well.

† **Ephesians 2:9** *not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

How many of us, even though we say we don't (including myself) have at one time or another tried to earn God's favor by our works or doubted our salvation based upon our works. ***not of works, lest anyone should boast.*** What part of "not" are we not getting, the N or the O or the T?

But once again, we over complicate the bible and what God and Jesus have told us.

In today's two devotional verses, Jesus says in both of them ***"do not worry"***
Yet we worry anyway, it doesn't make you a bad Christian, but it does challenge our faith.

† **Hebrews 11:6** *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

Maybe you have prayed and still nothing... as far as you can see. But, it doesn't mean God is not working on it or allowing it to happen for His good purpose. I will not even try to answer why God has not answered your prayer yet.

But personally I have three specific things I believe that God has showed me for my life, and He showed me through Scripture several years ago, and I am reminded of them in scripture a few times each year. God has not answered all three of my prayer requests, but it does not make me doubt God, because they seem like impossible things. No, instead I get more and more excited every time I think about them to see how God will make the impossible happen, and when it does, it will be without a doubt that no one other than God could have done it.

† **Zechariah 8:6 (NLT2)** *This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: All this may seem impossible to you now, a small remnant of God's people. But is it impossible for me? says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.*

Once again, turn your worries into prayer.

† **Matthew 19:26** *But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*