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Stop, Listen, and Think

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“He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him” Proverb 18:13

Little is more embarrassing than when our first-impression judgment of a situation is not even close to being the correct one.

What we thought had happened turned out to be completely inaccurate.

When dealing with young people, I quite often was faced with deciding which side of a squabble was the right one to believe. Who was telling the truth? Who was lying? Which side was distorted?

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Weed Just In Front of You

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“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.” Matthew 6:34

Worrying over life’s troubles consumes too much time for many. Sometimes the concerns are legitimate; sometimes they are only imaged and never come to fruition. We all have been vexed by what we perceived as problems.

God has much to say about the sin of worrying in His Word. Matthew 6:34 compels us to take life’s obstacles on a day-by-day account. We have a lot on our plate for today; do not worry about what may or may not

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He Will Calm Your Sea

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Jesus told His disciples,
 “Go by ship to the other side,
 I’m going to yonder mountain,
 Where I’ll pray and abide.”

Then a storm arose
 And the disciples had great fear,
 They thought the ship would sink
 And Jesus was nowhere near.

Even tho Jesus had left them
 And Him they could not see,
 He saw them toiling in rowing
 And came to them on the sea.

“Be of good cheer: it is I;
 Be not afraid,” they heard Him say.
 The wind ceased, the sea was calmed,
 It was a wonderful day.

Now, your sea may be troubled,
 And your Saviour you cannot see,
 But He sees your toiling in rowing,
 Trust Him, He will calm your sea.



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happen tomorrow. Besides, what situation has worrying ever improved (*Matthew 6:27*)?

Looking at all the possible problems that could happen on another day is very frustrating. I remember the same feeling when told to weed a 40-foot garden when I was younger. My mother gave me the chore to weed a backyard flower patch. I worked a short time, and then looked all way to the end where I was to finish. It seemed so far away and impossible. I worked a little more and then looked to the far end. I felt I would never get finished, and that it was almost hopeless that I would ever complete the job.

Then I came up with a different strategy. Instead of looking at the whole, huge task I looked no further than two feet in front of me. Looking up, I found my short goal, and weeded hard to reach it. When I achieved that mark, I looked up two feet further and made that my next mission. Never did I look all the way to the end. I kept making short commitments.

I do remember at one point, which did not seem that long after starting, where I did permit myself to look back where I started. Why, the beginning point was far, far behind me. I really did accomplish something. I was beginning

to realize that the task was obtainable.

Again, I returned to my two-foot tasks. Before long, my next look at the next two-foot objective made me realize it was the end. Small bites at the task, and not fretting over the overall picture made the job seem faster and certainly less agonizing. From that chore, I learned to set shorter goals and to keep plodding at them until the main goal was reached.

Life has many challenges that we will face. God does not give us more than we can handle. Be concerned with what God gives us to do today. When tomorrow comes, he will also give us the grace to meet the challenges we face on that day.

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After learning the hard-way too many times, I have found the biblical advice in hearing both sides is the safest way. Trusting in only one side can often be foolish and inaccurate. As my mother often advised, "There are always two sides to the story."

Court systems have adopted this principle. Witnesses are brought into the case to give an accurate, true picture of what really transpired. They are cross-

"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." – Fletcher

"There are no second chances on first impressions."

examined and even have their credibility questioned. Judges and jurors carefully weigh what evidence is presented. Making the right decision is usually not an easy, fast process.

Many, "Jump the gun", or, too hastily make a decision without full knowledge of the situation. Bosses bellow at sometimes guiltless employees. Husbands reprimand wives for a decision without knowing all the judgments that were considered before it was made. Parents sometimes blast the innocent in a sibling squabble.

Stop; listen to all sides of the story. Weigh the evidence and then decide. Doing this will eliminate the shame one can feel when the truth of the matter is later revealed and our decision is found wrong.

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



Worry: Matthew 6:25-34

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, 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.

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