

Martin's Morning Thoughts

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The Importance of Today

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Matthew 6:34 New International Version (NIV)

We spend too much time worrying about the future while neglecting the present. What stories I could tell about my folly in doing this! But I have learned that if I take care of today, I will have less to worry about tomorrow. Do you recall the Lord's model prayer in Matthew 6:9-13? Look at verse eleven. It says, "**Give us today our daily bread.**" In my humble opinion, the very nature of the prayer as it pertains to those things we seek-- **And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.**¹³ **And lead us not into temptation,**^[a] **but deliver us from the evil one** --is a today petition! Be on guard against the evil one today! Strive to live godly today! Do good to all men but especially to those of the household of faith today! Love your enemies today! Turn from your sins today! Seek forgiveness today!

My friends, today is a present from God. **This is the day which the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalms 118:24).** Do not worry about things you cannot change or that is out of your power today! Focus on things which are positive that you can change. Ask God to help you to rule your spirit today so that you can have self-control in all things. Make today a day filled with positive prospects because your mind is positive about what you can accomplish through Christ. Today is what matters. Tomorrow will matter when it arrives.