

I PETER:
HOLY AND
HOPE-FILLED LIVING
IN A HOSTILE WORLD

I PETER 5:6-9

Therefore humble yourselves
under the mighty hand of God,
that He may exalt you
at the proper time,
casting all your anxiety on Him,
because He cares for you.

Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert.

Your adversary, the devil,
prowls around like a roaring lion,
seeking someone to devour.

But resist him, firm in *your* faith,
knowing that the same experiences
of suffering are being accomplished
by your brethren who are in the world.

What did “1 Peter People” have to be worried about?

- Various trials, 1:6
- Interpersonal conflict, 2:1
- People who disbelieve and are disobedient to the Word, 2:7-8
- Fleshly lusts warring against their souls, 2:11.
- Being slandered as evildoers by unsaved, 2:12
- Harsh, unreasonable masters causing unjust suffering, 2:19-20ff.

What did “1 Peter People” have to be worried about?

- Suffering for the sake of righteousness, 3:14, 17...for doing what is right..
- Being slandered and their good behavior reviled, 3:16!
- Being maligned because they don't “run with them,” into excesses of dissipation, 4:4.
- Experiencing a fiery ordeal, 5:12..

What did “1 Peter People” have to be worried about?

- Being reviled for the name of Christ!, 4:14.
- Suffering as a Christian, 4:16.
- Suffering according to the will of God...while doing what is right!, 4:19.
- Being “stalked” by Satan, 5:8-9.

In Comparison...

What do WE have to be worried about?

In the light of these things, what do we do??

WE WORRY!!!!

WORRY HAS BEEN CALLED
“THE GREAT AMERICAN PASTTIME”

Someone once said...

"Love looks forward.

Hate looks back.

But Anxiety has eyes

all over its head!"

Corrie Ten Boom said...

Worry does not empty
tomorrow of its sorrow,

It empties today of its strength!

WHAT IS WRONG WITH WORRY?

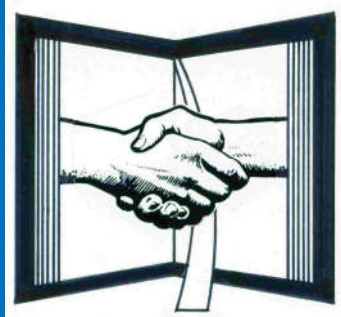
- It is forbidden by God, and therefore, is sin, I Peter 5:7; Philippians 4:6-7; Matthew 6:34.
- It betrays improper priorities, Matt. 6:25, 33; Luke 12:22-23.
- It projects improper priorities on God, Matt. 6:26, 28-30.
- It is useless anyway, Matt. 6:27.
- It betrays a lack of faith, Matt. 6:28-30.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH WORRY?

- It exposes a worldly attitude, Matt. 6:32.
- It is not "child-like," Matt. 6:32.
- It multiplies your problems, Matt. 6:34.
- It stifles the fruitfulness of the Word, Matt. 13:22; Mk. 4:19.
- It distracts you from devotion to the Lord, Luke 10:40-41.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH WORRY?

- It weighs down your heart, Luke 21:34.
- It robs you of God's peace, Philippians 4:6-7.



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