

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

I PETER 5:6-9

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?

MANY OF THE SAME THINGS...

PLUS GLOBAL DISASTERS!

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.

ANTIDOTES TO WORRY:

1. Recognize that you are doing it!
 - Avoid “Amusements”

“AMUSEMENT”

“To **Muse**” is: “to become absorbed in thought; especially, to turn something over in the mind, meditatively.”

∴ “Musing” is thinking carefully about things, especially your life.

The “A” negates that!

So an “Amusement” is something designed to KEEP YOU from thinking meditatively about your life!

ANTIDOTES TO WORRY:

1. Recognize that you are doing it!
 - Avoid “Amusements”
 - Journaling

ANTIDOTES TO WORRY:

1. Recognize that you are doing it!
2. Humble yourselves to God, 5:6
Pride + Reality → Anxiety!
3. Trust God Who has the Mighty Hand, 5:6.

"Never be afraid to trust
an unknown future
to a known God."

Corrie Ten Boom

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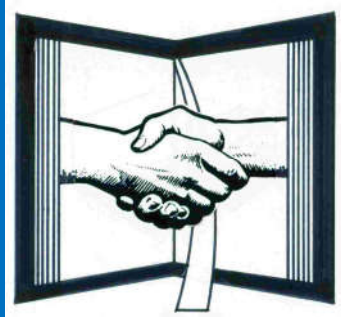
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4. Believe that He will exalt you at the proper time, 5:6.

ANTIDOTES TO WORRY:

5. Cast all of your worry upon Him, 5:7.
 - There is nothing too little!
 - There is nothing too BIG!
6. Know that He cares for you!!, 5:7.
7. Pray, with Thanksgiving, and make your requests known to God, Philippians 4:6-7.
8. Set your mind on things above!, Colossians 3:1-3

ANTIDOTES TO WORRY...SUMMARY:

- Humility!
- Faith! (Trust!)
- Prayer!
- Casting your cares on Him.
- Setting your mind on things above!



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