

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Mt 6:33

This verse is one of the most known but unapplied in all the Bible by those that call themselves Christian. Oswald Chambers wrote of this (M.U.F.H.H., May 21) that so often the cares of this world take over the focus of our minds so that we no longer have Christ in view but our own concerns. He makes the astute observation, "The great concern of our lives is not the kingdom of God, but how we are to fit ourselves to live." "But I must live, I must make so much money, I must be clothed, I must be fed," is what we so often tell ourselves. This is absolutely contrary to Scripture but don't get caught up in the response of carelessness as so many who languish in the happenstance of daily life do. Chambers writes, "Jesus is not saying that the man who takes thought for nothing is blessed - that man is a fool. Jesus taught that a disciple has to make his relationship to God the dominating concentration of his life, and to be carefully careless about everything else compared to that."

The reason I am quoting Chambers is that he stated so well the thoughts that have been bouncing around in my head for years, that if I were to write them down I either would have repeated him anyway or failed to do the argument justice. So often in the past I have heard from my loved ones false proverbs (i.e. unbiblical) such as, "God helps those whom help themselves," and "Yes, I trust God but I must also put food on the table and I will do anything to accomplish that." This always has and still does irritate me in the same manner as fingernails on a chalkboard or the rub of a metal fork on your incisors. To trust God is to obey His word and all that He truly asks of us is that we share His gospel with all we encounter and live according to His word so others will see Him in us. This is my hope for all my brothers and sisters out there, that they will not let this world overwhelm them and steal away the peace and joy that only our God through Jesus can provide.