

Monday, 27 April 2015

Psalms 37:1-3

Of David. *Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers! For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.*

Now there's an OOTD (Order-Of-The-Day), focus on trusting the Lord in all things while doing that which gives Him glory and honor in the place where He has put me. Lord, I also see a 'do this not that' in the passage. I am to support those who are faithful to You; I am not to allow the horrible state of affairs in the Kingdom of Man to steal my joy.

Tuesday, 28 April 2015

Matthew 6:33-34

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Another way of framing my OOTD. One day at a time--not tomorrow--not yesterday but today. My only concern is to continuously examine whatever is before me in Kingdom terms: Which options before me lie within Kingdom boundaries and which implement Kingdom righteousness? Onward, Christian soldier, marching into the Lord's work, fulling trusting in His Providence.

Wednesday, 29 April 2015

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

A leading candidate for the best known verse in the Bible and probably should be a candidate for the least understood. I lived for years with a head knowledge belief. It was not a belief that affected my life--I continued to live

according to my own wants and desires. I was good at blaming God when things did not go well, in my estimation, and accepting the credit when they did.

But as Dallas Willard often asked, "Are you trusting God for your next sandwich?" Do I believe that the LORD, God the Almighty, orders every aspect of my life or do I have a Plan B if the sandwich does not materialize? Do I *know* (internally, completely, in the very nether regions of my being) that the Lord has promised and will provide everything I need?

Thursday, 30 April 2015

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him (commits to Him) should not perish but have eternal life.

Yes, Lord, I'll do what You ask. Not the response I used to give my mother, "Yes, I'll take out the garbage" generally followed with a defiant excuse, "I forgot." Not that but the triumphant shout, "I have decided to follow Jesus, I am committed to His Service."

Friday, 1 May 2015

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him (obeys Him) should not perish but have eternal life.

Back to the garbage--do it, take it out, when asked and get a "thank you, son" to bask in.

And what does He ask of me?

Mark 12:29-31 *Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than*

these."

Trust, commit, obey--completely and now. It's not a 'round-to-it', not a 'let me see which parts I like' not an 'Ok, if I understand and think it's necessary.' It's a do it and I, the LORD, God the Almighty will be with you all the way.

Praise the Lord, He has sent the Spirit to indwell and lead me through the step by step transformation into His likeness. Hallelujah

Saturday, 2 May 2015

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes (trusts) in him should not perish but have eternal life.

If I seek to trust Him, if I seek to commit to Him, if I seek to obey Him, then and only then can I say that I believe in Him. Then I can find great peace and joy knowing that I have an eternal relationship with the Trinity (John 17:3)

Lord's Day, 3 May 2015

Psalm 119:66

Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments.

What good is it to say I believe if I don't follow? Lack of understanding is a poor excuse if I have not been diligent in searching the Word. And searching the Word is not futile if I am listening for the quiet, still voice of the Holy Spirit.

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