



Dear Precious Friend,

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AN UNDIVIDED HEART

"Therefore **do not worry**, saying 'what shall we eat?' or 'what shall we drink?' or 'what shall we wear?' For after all these things the

Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore **do not worry** about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." *Matthew 6:31-34*

Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God: and the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. *Phil. 4:6-7*

We are commanded by the Lord not to **worry** or to be anxious about our lives like the heathen. He says that we are rather to seek His kingdom and His righteousness and that HE will add to our life all the things that are needful as we sojourn on earth. He tells us to pray about everything rather than to get anxious. By doing this, God will keep our hearts and minds in perfect peace. It sounds like the Lord is telling us to stop all activities that make us anxious and simply to pray. That may be part of the picture, but it goes much deeper than that.

Most of us know what the symptoms of **worry** or **anxiety** are and many people determine to make outward life changes to rid themselves of this "sickness," only to find themselves right back in the vicious cycle of its power. Few really know what the actual biblical cause of anxiety is and therefore cannot get free of its dominion. What does it really mean to be anxious about our lives?

The key to understanding this "dis-ease" is revealed in the little, yet powerful word, **worry** in the original language (*merimnao*). The root of this word can be traced back to distraction, apportioning, dividing, disuniting or making a difference between. So when we hear the Lord telling us not to worry, He's not telling us to simply stop all our outward activities or thoughts regarding the future, but He's going deeper into the true condition of our heart.

God is concerned above all else that our heart be not distracted or divided, much like a pie that is sliced and distributed between the many activities and people in our life: one section given to our job, one for our spouse, one for God, one for ministry, etc. In the end, everyone and everything receives a portion, but the Lord is just one section of the pie and not the whole, if even that! We have become anxious because we have lost that wholeness and peace that comes from fulfilling our first duty that is to love the Lord our God with ALL our heart, ALL our mind and ALL our strength. An undivided heart is actually the only true path towards fulfilling the first commandment.

A divided house/heart shall not stand. The enemy knows this and works hard to get us to divide up and apportion the areas of our life so that we will not have the power that comes from an integrated heart. When our heart gets divided up into shares, we also lose the deep sense that God is One and that we are to love Him in that oneness and our neighbor as ourselves (*in that same union love*).

God says, "that where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." *Luke 12:34* If our treasure is in the Lord alone, our heart will be whole and possessed by Him, but if our treasure is here and there and everywhere, set on temporal or earthly things, we will find that we have scattered and lost our heart, our center in God alone. God will be just one segment of the pie (*our heart*) to be shared among many other people and things. He will not be the exclusive Owner with the exclusive rights to our heart and life. Consequently, we will not have the power to love God as He fully desires; nor will we be able to love others with that same divine love which He desires to shed abroad in our hearts.

The result of this dividedness and distraction is a disturbed (*anxious*) heart/mind that is thrown into tumult and much activity that drags us all around*, a heart that cannot be still, sitting and listening at the Master's feet. Much of the church has this same anxiety and frenzied activity that comes out from a divided heart and mind that we see in the world and it ought not to be so.

Most people, especially men, wear different hats for different aspects of their personality. One hat is for husband, another for occupation, another for father, for friend, ministry, and so on. Most people think this is very normal, but it actually comes from a divided and compartmentalized heart that has its roots in the old sinful nature. It is a fear of letting go, of cutting off the foreskin of the heart where God desires to do a healing work that will bring integration and oneness. Jesus had a perfect undivided heart when He walked on earth and He came to restore that new heart to the man that He created, but who through sin, fell into dividedness.

Many years ago, the Lord showed me in a beautiful revelation, how beautifully and completely integrated man was in all his being when he was created in the image of God. His body, soul and spirit were functioning in complete union and harmony. His heart, will and mind were integrated and functioning in perfect divine order and oneness. His heart was a beautiful perfect one, a habitation for the ONE TRIUNE GOD. But sin shattered it all. His heart got divided. His heart and mind separated and were at war. His body functioned independently of soul and spirit. His soul no longer bowed to the Spirit in perfect oneness, but usurped and overrode divine order. Everything fell apart. Redemption brings us back into God's wholeness, and oneness within ourselves. It is this wholeness that restores us again to complete dependency on Him (*at His feet*) and not on our old shattered self and makes us able to be united with one another in that same oneness. .

Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His word. But Martha was encumbered (*originally dragged around**) about much serving, came to Him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me."

And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are careful and troubled (*merimnao*) about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary has chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." *Luke 10:38-42*

Here we see a picture of a divided heart (*Martha*) and an undivided one (*Mary*). So many in the body are like Martha, inwardly divided and outwardly dragged around by much activity, thinking that this busy-ness is pleasing to the Lord, convinced that others who are waiting at the Lord's feet are simply lazy or unwilling to come alongside the busier ones. This is not a new phenomenon.

When Moses, in obedience to the word of the Lord, declares to Pharaoh, "Let my people go that they may worship me." Pharaoh refuses saying that the people are lazy (*idle; Hebrew*) and for that reason, they want to leave their work to sacrifice to the Lord. The Lord desired to transform His people from being workers/slaves to becoming worshippers/priests. Pharaoh (*a type of Satan*) tried to convince God's people that it was laziness to "simply" worship the Lord rather than to be busy with something "more constructive" like building great edifices through the sweat of the brow.

Satan will always try to convince God's people that worshipping the Lord is vanity or laziness and that there are more important and necessary things to do, even in advancing the Kingdom of God. But the Lord had commanded Moses and the people to leave Egypt (*the world*) to go to make a feast to Him on the mountain. Pharaoh says, "Let more work be laid on the men, that they may labor in it, and **let them not regard false words.**" Moses had heard **the word of the Lord** while he was on the backside of the desert, but now the enemy lays more work on the people to convince them that it is foolish to regard **the words of the Lord.** *Exodus 5:1-9*

But Mary sat at the Lord's feet with an undivided and undistracted heart and listened to His word. **Martha SERVED, but Mary HEARD.** Martha was dragged all around serving (*and complaining*), but Mary sat and listened and when she did, she heard God! Most believers don't sit and listen long enough to really hear the word of the Lord. They are too distracted and divided in heart. "Man will not live by bread alone, but by every rhema that proceeds out of the mouth of God." *Matthew 4:4* Mary learned that her true life consisted in hearing the word of His mouth that flowed out of the abundance of His heart and not from the bread that perishes. Her meat was to hear that word and to do it.

Jesus knows that our first real need is to sit at His feet to hear His word. Then in all that He leads us to do, our service to Him will attain the perfectness of Mary who at a later time poured upon the feet of Jesus the ointment which still fills the world with the fragrance of Calvary love. When Judas complained that Mary's act was wasteful, Jesus tells him not to trouble her because she had done it in preparation for His burial. Mary was in such perfect harmony with the heart, will and timing of God, that having heard in her own heart that He would die for the world, was prepared to be the one who would anoint His body for burial. Are we sitting and listening long enough at the feet of Jesus to hear a present word that will prepare us and others for the days ahead, even for the coming of the Lord?

True divine love can never flow out of a divided and distracted heart that metes out only a portion to the Lord and to others. True divine love can only flow out of a whole healed heart that knows no measure and no minimum, but extravagantly pours out it's all to the Lord. By it's very nature, God's perfect love can never flow in part.

"For we know in part and we prophecy **in part** (*another root of the word worry/divided*). But when that which is perfect (*finished; whole; mature; Christ Himself*) is come, then **that which is in part will be done away.**" *I Cor. 13:9*

"For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known." *I Cor. 13:12*

When our hearts let go of all dividedness, when we truly desire and are willing to walk in our full inheritance: in the new heart, completely restored and whole, the heart of Christ, we will no longer see Him dimly, but face to face. We will know as we have been known and we will know one another after the Spirit/heart of God and not through our old wounded and shattered selves.

Therefore, let us go on to perfection, laying hold of the hope set before us.

I encourage you to let go of all worry and all the encumbrances that are hindering you from getting down to the feet of the Lord and sit there until you hear His word proceed out from His mouth. It is food for you and for those in your midst. You are hungry, but so are the people around you who have never heard a word from the mouth of God out of His deep heart. The moment you hear Him, you will be set free from your worries and anxiety. You will see Him more clearly than ever before and you will know as you have been known.

Going on to Perfection,

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