

Carrying Burdens

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Story – Man escorting woman to her seat in Church, saying something negative about the Preacher. Woman asked if she knew her name, “I’m his mother”
Man asked “Do you know my name?”...She said No, he said GOOD

1. MAN MADE BURDENS

IRS, Children, Job, Family, Accidents

Sometimes we have NO choice to carry a burden given by another

Matt 5:3-12

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

All these Blessings came from burdens given by another

2. SELF MADE BURDENS

Health, Security, Future

Matt 6:25-28

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

And why take ye thought for raiment?

Q) Have you prayed about this matter?

A) If you prayed, then why worry?

If you worry, why waste time praying?

3. GOD APPOINTED BURDENS

God places the burden on you, and He also provides you help you need

Matt 27:32 And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross.

Jesus Himself was given help in time of need

Simon, Angels in desert, Manager, Tomb

1 Cor 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

God commands us to bear His burden

Mark 8:34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

4. HEART FELT BURDENS

God gives us burdens that are meant to be kept private

Luke 2:34-35 And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

Luke 2:51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

Cross – Mary kept silent

She did not draw attention to herself

“Woe is me”, “How dare you do this to me”

“Let me tell you what I really think”

1 Cor 6:7 Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded?

5. COMPASSION DRIVEN BURDENS

I'm doing this for you, not for me

I know this will be tough, I know this will be hard...But God knows also

Ex. 2 people carrying buckets...1 full bricks, heavy...2nd has two bricks
2nd looks to 1st to get rid of his bricks, makes the 1st even heavier

We constantly look to lessen our load

You can unhook the wagon and the horses speed up the hill

But when you get to the top, you have nothing to deliver

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We should look for ways to make the burden light on others