

Every person carries some kind of burden. The burdens I'm referring to here aren't sins or moral failings—but the responsibilities of everyday life: earning a living, paying rent, school fees, education, building a home, and so on. These burdens can easily rob us of peace and inner calm.

The reality of burdens

The Bible acknowledges that life involves burdens and challenges. Jesus Himself said, "In this world you will have trouble" (John 16:33, NIV). But He immediately encourages us with peace: "But take heart! I have overcome the world." This shows us that while burdens are real, victory and peace are possible through Christ.

Facing burdens one day at a time

Often, our mistake is trying to carry all our burdens at once or solve every problem in a single day. No wonder life feels overwhelming. The Apostle Paul reminds us that God's grace is sufficient "for each day" (2 Corinthians 12:9, NIV), implying that divine strength is given daily, not all at once.

For example, imagine trying to cover a whole year's food

expenses in one day, worrying about future school fees for several years, trying to complete many educational courses in an unrealistic timeframe, and at the same time building houses for your children—all at once. This approach inevitably leads to burnout and despair.

God's provision is daily

God invites us to trust Him for daily provision. Jesus teaches us to pray, “Give us today our daily bread” (Luke 11:3, NIV), emphasizing reliance on God one day at a time.

Similarly, in Matthew 6:31-34 (NIV), Jesus says:

So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

This passage highlights a key spiritual principle: our priority is to seek God's kingdom and righteousness first. When we do this, God promises to supply our needs. Worrying about the future robs us of peace and faith in His provision.

Wisdom in dividing responsibilities

Breaking down responsibilities into manageable parts is a biblical wisdom principle. Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." We are not meant to carry all burdens simultaneously but to handle them in God's appointed time.

Trusting God's timing

God's timing is perfect. Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) urges us to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." When we trust God with our burdens, He directs us and provides peace.

Practical application

So, no matter the challenges—whether it's providing food, paying school fees, or investing in the future—break your burdens down day by day. Trust God for today's provision. Be thankful for what He has given you now, and trust Him to provide for tomorrow.

Remember, God did not create us to carry burdens that crush us, but to walk by faith, trusting Him daily.

In conclusion

Life's burdens are real, but so is God's grace and provision. When we learn to rely on God day by day rather than trying to carry all our burdens at once, we live in peace and joy.

Shalom.

HOW TO CARRY LIFE'S HEAVY BURDENS

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