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Post #3

GIVE YOUR BURDENS TO GOD. HE DOES NOT WANT YOU TO ATTEMPT TO CARRY THESE BURDENS YOURSELF.

I have been a Christian for approximately 50% of my life. I am 86 years old as I write this. I was 43 years old when Jesus Christ became my Savior. The scriptural truths that I am sharing here are truths that I have meditated on many times since I have been a Christian. I believe that these promises and instructions from God will help you just as they have helped me many times over the years. All Scripture references in this teaching are from *The Amplified Bible*.

The Bible teaches us that God never intended for us to solve extremely difficult problems with the human abilities that He gave us. "Cease to trust in [weak, frail, and dying] man, whose breath is in his nostrils [for so short a time]..." (Isaiah 2:22)

Do not make the mistake of thinking that you have to carry heavy burdens with your limited human abilities. When Jesus Christ was on earth, He was limited to the limitations of a human being. Jesus once said, "...the Son is able to do nothing of Himself..." (John 5:19)

If Jesus Christ was not able to solve many problems during His earthly ministry then we obviously face the same predicament. "...if is not in man [even in a strong man or in a man at his best] to direct his [own] steps." (Jeremiah 10:23)

Jeremiah 10:23 tells us that God never intended for us to solve extremely difficult problems, no matter how much human ability He has given to us. We do not have the abilities that are required to accomplish this goal.

Give your heavy burdens to God. "Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully." (1 Peter 5:7)

God has told you how many of your problems He wants you to give to Him. Please note that the word "all" is used three times in this amplification in this verse and the words "once and for all" are used in the same amplification.

There is no question that God wants you to give Him *every* problem that you cannot solve with your limited human abilities. Your loving Father cares about you. He is watching over you. Trust Him to do in you, through you and for you what you cannot do yourself.