THE QUESTION

Did the early Christians teach not to plan for the future?

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The short answer *Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words*

They taught Christians not to worry about tomorrow, not to pile up wealth for years ahead, and to trust God for daily needs. They did not forbid all provision: Clement and Hermas speak of having what is enough and living simply, while Cyprian warns that fear of the future can hide greed.

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Jesus forbids anxious worry about tomorrow

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

In this Gospel harmony, Jesus says we cannot serve God and possessions. He tells his followers not to be anxious about food or clothing, since the Father feeds the birds and clothes the lilies.

1 “You cannot serve God and possessions. Because of this I say to you, do not be anxious for yourselves about what you will eat and what you will drink, nor for your bodies about what you will put on.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tatian,** *Diatessaron* 10 (c. 150–180 AD) **Source 5, page 6** Read it in the library ›

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Lay aside cares and depend on the Father

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Clement of Alexandria reads Jesus' words as a call to trust God like a child. The point is not laziness but laying aside the anxious cares of this life.

2 “He tells them to dismiss anxious care about the things of this world, and urges them to hold fast to the Father alone, in imitation of children.”

later in the same passage

“In this way He commands them to lay aside the cares of this life and depend on the Father alone.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Instructor* 1.5 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 7, page 6** Read it in the library ›

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Ask for daily bread, not years of supply

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Cyprian explains the Lord's Prayer. A disciple asks for food for the day and does not stretch his requests over a long time, since he hopes for God's kingdom to come soon.

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3 “But anyone who has begun to be Christ's disciple, renouncing all things according to the word of his Master, ought to ask for his daily food, and not stretch the desires of his request over a long time.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD)
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Simple living needs no great preparation

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Clement says a Christian should provide for each day and live simply. He contrasts war, which needs great preparation, with peace and love, which need little.

4 “This means that the person who has devoted himself to Christ ought to be sufficient to himself and a servant to himself, and should also live in a way that provides for each day by itself.”

later in the same passage

“But peace and love, simple and quiet sisters, require no weapons and no excessive preparation.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Instructor* 1.12 (c. 190–215 AD)
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Worry about support can show distrust

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Tertullian says believers should not chase wealth out of worry. God promises what is needed, which he describes as sufficiency suited to modesty, not luxury.

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5 “Far be all this from believers, who have no care about support, unless it is that we distrust the promises of God, and His care and providence.”

later in the same passage

“He forbids care about tomorrow's food and clothing, promising that He knows what is needed for each of His servants.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *To His Wife* 1.4 (c. 196–220 AD)
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Fear of the future can mask greed

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Cyprian challenges rich Christians who say worry about the future keeps them from giving. He calls this an excuse and points to the rich fool who stored up goods and died that night.

6 “Therefore why do you praise yourself with those empty and foolish ideas, as if fear and worry about the future were keeping you from good works?”

later in the same passage

“Divide your income with the Lord your God. Share your profits with Christ.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD)
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Prepare only what is enough

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Hermas pictures Christians as people living in a foreign city. He warns against buying land and costly buildings here, and says to prepare only what is enough while staying ready to leave.

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7 “If, then," he continues, "you know the city where you are going to live, why do you buy land here, make costly preparations, and gather houses and useless buildings?”

later in the same passage

“Be careful, then: as one living in a foreign land, make no further preparations for yourself except what is enough; and be ready, when the master of this city comes to throw you out for disobeying his law, to leave his city and go to your own, and to obey your own law without trouble and with great joy.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hermas,** *Shepherd* (c. 90–150 AD) *THF's updated English* **Source 1, page 5** **Read it in the library ›**

THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages warn against worry and hoarding, but they do not forbid ordinary work or meeting daily needs.
- They do not give rules for things like saving, debts or caring for a family's future needs.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 16 early Christian passages and 196 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–16, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 17–129, in Bible order), then 83 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF’s updated English unless marked “1885 English” (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). “… [continues online]” marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *16 passages from 8 writers*

Hermas, *c. 90–150 AD · sources 1–3*

1 *Shepherd* (1885 English) **Quote 7, page 5** is much better to purchase such lands, and possessions, and houses, as you will find in your own city, when you come to reside in it… [continues online] **read ›**

2 *Shepherd* (on point 2) you cast your care on God and opened your heart to the Lord… [continues online] **read ›**

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3 *Shepherd* (1885 English; on point 7) refrain from much business, and you will never sin: for they who are occupied with much business commit also many sins, being distracted about their affairs, and not at all… [continues online] **read ›**

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · source 4*

4 *First Apology* (1885 English; on point 1) “no thought what ye shall eat, or what ye shall put on: are ye not better than the birds and the beasts… [continues online] **read ›**

Tatian, *c. 150–180 AD · source 5*

5 *Diatessaron* 10 **Quote 1, page 2** “clothed like one of them. And if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 6–8*

6 *Stromata* 4.6 “a man's life does not consist in the abundance of those things which he possesses… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Instructor* 1.5 **Quote 2, page 2** “fast to the Father alone, in imitation of children. Therefore, in what follows He also says, “Take no anxious thought for the morrow; sufficient to the day is the evil… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *Instructor* 1.12 (1885 English) **Quote 4, page 3** “He says, Take no anxious thought for tomorrow, Matthew 6:34 meaning that the man who has devoted himself to Christ ought to be sufficient to himself, and servant to… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 9–11*

9 *On Exhortation to Chastity* 12 (1885 English) “the servant of God yearn after heirs, who has disinherited himself from the world… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *To His Wife* 1.4 (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 4** “prohibits care to be taken about tomorrow's food and clothing, promising that He knows what is needful for each of His servants — not indeed ponderous necklaces, not burdensome garments… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *On Prayer* 6 (1885 English; on point 3) “11:5-9 Moreover, He justly added, Give us this day, seeing He had previously said, Take no careful thought about the morrow, what you are to eat… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · source 12*

12 *Against Celsus* 24 (on point 1) “these precepts of our Lord, "Take no thought what you shall eat, or what you shall drink… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 13–15*

13 *Treatises* (1885 English) **Quote 6, page 4** “you do not remember what God answered to the rich man, who boasted with a foolish exultation of the abundance of his exuberant harvest: You fool, said He, this night… [continues online] **read ›**

14 *Treatises* **Quote 3, page 3** “stretch the desires of his request over a long time. For the Lord again commands this and says, "Take no thought for tomorrow, for tomorrow itself will take thought for… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Treatises* (1885 English) “room is there here for anxiety and solicitude… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · source 16*

16 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English; on point 5) “providence provides for and takes the care of all… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *113 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

17 **Genesis 42:18** On the third day he said to them, “Do this and you shall live, for I fear God. **read ›**

18 **Exodus 9:5** God set a fixed time, saying, “Tomorrow the Lord will do this thing on the land.” **read ›**

19 **Deuteronomy 8:17** Do not say in your heart, “My strength and the might of my hand have gained me this great power.” **read ›**

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20 **Deuteronomy 28:66** And your life shall be hanging before your eyes; and you shall be afraid day and night, and you shall not believe in your life. **read ›**

21 **Deuteronomy 32:29** They had no sense to understand; let them take these things to heart for the time to come. **read ›**

22 **1 Samuel 2:3** Do not boast, and do not speak lofty things; let no proud talk come out of your mouth, for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and God prepares his own designs. **read ›**

23 **Ezra 2:20** The sons of Gibbar, ninety-five. **read ›**

24 **Job 8:18** If it swallows him up, his place will deny him. Have you not seen such things, **read ›**

25 **Proverbs 3:17** Her ways are good ways, and all her paths are in peace. **read ›**

26 **Proverbs 3:28** Do not say, “Go away and come back; tomorrow I will give,” while you are able to do good; for you do not know what the coming day will bring forth. **read ›**

27 **Proverbs 12:25** A fearful word troubles the heart of a righteous man, but a good message gladdens him. **read ›**

28 **Proverbs 25:14** As winds and clouds and rains are most conspicuous, so is he who boasts of a false gift. **read ›**

29 **Proverbs 27:1** Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what the coming day will bring forth. **read ›**

30 **Ecclesiastes 4:14** For he will come out of the house of the prisoners to reign, for even in his kingdom he became poor. **read ›**

31 **Ecclesiastes 6:6** And though he has lived through the circuits of a thousand years and has not seen goodness, do not all go to one place? **read ›**

32 **Isaiah 7:19** and they shall all come into the valleys of the land, and into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves, and into every crevice. **read ›**

33 **Isaiah 13:3** I am giving command, and I bring them; giants are coming to fulfill my wrath, rejoicing and insulting together. **read ›**

34 **Isaiah 13:14** And those who are left will be like a fleeing fawn and like a straying sheep, and there will be no one to gather them; so that a man will turn back to his own people, and a man will flee to his own land. **read ›**

35 **Jeremiah 9:23** Thus says the Lord: Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, and let not the strong man boast in his strength, and let not the rich man boast in his wealth; (Septuagint Jeremiah 9:22 (Jeremiah 9:23 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

36 **Jeremiah 36:7** Perhaps their plea for mercy will fall before the Lord, and they will turn from their evil way; for great is the wrath and the anger of the Lord, which he has spoken against this people.” (Septuagint Jeremiah 43:7 (Jeremiah 36:7 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

37 **Jeremiah 38:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

38 **Jeremiah 51:3** Let the archer bend his bow, and let him who has armor put it on; and do not spare her young men, and destroy all her army. (Septuagint Jeremiah 28:3 (Jeremiah 51:3 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

39 **Ezekiel 11:18** And they shall go in there, and they shall remove from it all its abominations and all its iniquities. **read ›**

40 **Daniel 3:5** at the hour you hear the sound of the trumpet, pipe, lyre, trigon, psaltery, and every kind of music, you shall fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up. **read ›**

41 **Hosea 7:10** And the arrogance of Israel shall be humbled before his face; yet they have not returned to the Lord their God, nor have they sought him out in all this. **read ›**

42 **Hosea 7:14** And their hearts did not cry out to me, but they wailed on their beds; for grain and wine they cut themselves. **read ›**

43 **Hosea 8:7** For they sowed what is blasted by the wind, and their overthrow shall await it: a sheaf that has no strength to make flour; and even if it should make some, foreigners shall devour it. **read ›**

44 **Hosea 11:4** In the destruction of men I drew them out with the bonds of my love; and I will be to them like a man who strikes upon his cheeks; and I will look upon him; I will prevail with him. **read ›**

45 **Habakkuk 1:15** He has drawn up destruction with a hook, and dragged him with a casting net, and gathered him in his dragnets; therefore his heart will rejoice and be glad. **read ›**

46 **1 Esdras 2:20** And since the work on the temple is going forward, we think it right not to overlook such a matter, **read ›**

47 **1 Esdras 3:20** and it turns every mind to feasting and gladness, and one remembers no sorrow and no debt; **read ›**

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48 **Tobit 5:19** For the life the Lord has given us to live is enough for us." **read ›**

49 **Judith 8:18** For there has not arisen in our generations, nor is there this day, any tribe or family or clan or city of ours that worships gods made with hands, as it was in former days; **read ›**

50 **Wisdom of Solomon 2:22** and they did not know the mysteries of God, nor did they hope for the wages of holiness, nor discern the prize for blameless souls. **read ›**

51 **Wisdom of Solomon 6:15** For to think upon her is the perfection of sound judgment, and whoever stays awake for her will soon be free from care, **read ›**

52 **Wisdom of Sirach 2:12** Woe to cowardly hearts and to slack hands, and to the sinner who walks on two paths! **read ›**

53 **Wisdom of Sirach 3:21** Do not seek what is too hard for you, and do not examine what is too strong for you. **read ›**

54 **Wisdom of Sirach 4:3** Do not add trouble to a heart already angered, and do not delay a gift to one in need. **read ›**

55 **Wisdom of Sirach 5:1** Do not set your mind on your wealth, and do not say, "I have enough." **read ›**

56 **Wisdom of Sirach 5:7** Do not wait to turn to the Lord, and do not put it off from day to day; for suddenly the anger of the Lord will come forth, and in the time of vengeance you will perish. **read ›**

57 **Wisdom of Sirach 5:8** Do not set your mind on unrighteous wealth, for you will gain nothing in the day of calamity. **read ›**

58 **Wisdom of Sirach 6:2** Do not exalt yourself in the counsel of your soul, lest your soul be torn apart like a bull. **read ›**

59 **Wisdom of Sirach 7:1** Do no evil, and evil will certainly not overtake you. **read ›**

60 **Wisdom of Sirach 7:5** Do not justify yourself before the Lord, and do not show off your wisdom before the king. **read ›**

61 **Wisdom of Sirach 8:12** Do not lend to a man stronger than you; and if you lend, count it as lost. **read ›**

62 **Wisdom of Sirach 9:11** Do not envy the glory of a sinner, for you do not know what his overthrow will be. **read ›**

63 **Wisdom of Sirach 10:26** Do not play the wise man when doing your work, and do not glorify yourself in the time of your distress. **read ›**

64 **Wisdom of Sirach 11:4** Do not boast in the clothes you wear, and do not exalt yourself in the day of glory; for the works of the Lord are marvelous, and his works are hidden among men. **read ›**

65 **Wisdom of Sirach 11:14** Good things and bad, life and death, poverty and wealth, are from the Lord. **read ›**

66 **Wisdom of Sirach 11:19** when he says, 'I have found rest, and now I will eat of my good things,' he does not know what time will pass by, and he will leave them to others and die. **read ›**

67 **Wisdom of Sirach 11:23** Do not say, 'What need do I have? And what good things shall be mine from now on?' **read ›**

68 **Wisdom of Sirach 11:24** Do not say, 'I have enough; and what harm can come to me from now on?' **read ›**

69 **Wisdom of Sirach 13:2** Do not lift a weight beyond you, and do not keep company with one stronger and richer than you. What fellowship will a pot have with a kettle? The pot will strike against the kettle and be broken. **read ›**

70 **Wisdom of Sirach 13:8** Take care not to be led astray, and not to be humbled in your gladness. **read ›**

71 **Wisdom of Sirach 14:14** Do not fall short of a good day, and let not the portion of a good desire pass you by. **read ›**

72 **Wisdom of Sirach 18:23** Before you pray, prepare yourself, and do not be like a man who tests the Lord. **read ›**

73 **Wisdom of Sirach 18:32** Do not rejoice in much luxury, nor be bound to its expense. **read ›**

74 **Wisdom of Sirach 18:33** Do not become a beggar by feasting on borrowed money when there is nothing in your purse. **read ›**

75 **Wisdom of Sirach 34:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

76 **Wisdom of Sirach 38:20** Do not give your heart over to sorrow; put it away, remembering the last things. **read ›**

77 **Wisdom of Sirach 40:2** Their reasonings and fear of heart, the thought of what they expect, the day of death, **read ›**

78 **Wisdom of Sirach 40:24** Brothers and help are for a time of trouble, but above both an act of mercy will deliver. **read ›**

79 **Wisdom of Sirach 40:26** Wealth and strength lift up the heart, but above both is the fear of the Lord; there is no lack in the fear of the Lord, and there is no need to seek help in it. **read ›**

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80 **Baruch 3:17** who played with the birds of heaven, and who stored up silver and gold, in which men have trusted, and there was no end to their getting? **read ›**

81 **Baruch 3:31** There is no one who knows her way, nor anyone who considers her path. **read ›**

82 **Baruch 4:3** Do not give your glory to another, nor your advantages to a foreign nation. **read ›**

83 **1 Maccabees 2:63** Today he will be exalted, and tomorrow he will certainly not be found, because he has returned to his dust, and his scheming has perished. **read ›**

84 **1 Maccabees 3:17** When they saw the army coming to meet them, they said to Judas, “How shall we, so few, be able to fight against so great and strong a multitude? And we are faint, having eaten nothing today.” **read ›**

85 **2 Maccabees 4:14** that the priests were no longer eager for the services of the altar; but despising the temple and neglecting the sacrifices, they hurried to take part in the lawless exhibitions in the wrestling arena after the signal for the discus-throwing. **read ›**

86 **2 Maccabees 6:6** A man could neither keep the Sabbath, nor observe the feasts of his fathers, nor so much as confess himself to be a Jew. **read ›**

87 **2 Maccabees 8:26** For it was the day before the Sabbath, and for that reason they did not continue the pursuit. **read ›**

88 **2 Maccabees 9:20** If you and your children are well and your own affairs are as you wish, I give the greatest thanks to God, having my hope in heaven. **read ›**

89 **2 Maccabees 15:23** And now, O Sovereign of the heavens, send a good angel before us to bring fear and trembling. **read ›**

90 **3 Maccabees 2:33** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

91 **4 Maccabees 7:19** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

92 **4 Maccabees 13:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

93 **1 Enoch 10:10** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

94 **1 Enoch 69:10** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

95 **1 Enoch 92:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

96 **1 Enoch 98:10** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

97 **Matthew 6:19** Do not lay up treasures for yourselves on the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal; **read ›**

98 **Matthew 6:25** Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious for your life: what you will eat, or what you will drink; nor yet for your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? **read ›**

99 **Matthew 6:27** Which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? **read ›**

100 **Matthew 6:28** Why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They do not toil, neither do they spin, **read ›**

101 **Matthew 6:31** Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What will we eat?’, ‘What will we drink?’ or, ‘With what will we be clothed?’ **read ›**

102 **Matthew 6:34** Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Each day’s own evil is sufficient. **read ›**

103 **Luke 9:3** He said to them, “Take nothing for the journey: no staffs, no bag, no bread, no money; do not have two tunics each. **read ›**

104 **Luke 12:22** He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious for your life, what you will eat, nor yet for your body, what you will wear. **read ›**

105 **Luke 12:25** Which of you by being anxious can add a cubit to his height? **read ›**

106 **Luke 12:26** If then you are not able to do even the least things, why are you anxious about the rest? **read ›**

107 **Luke 12:29** Do not seek what you will eat or what you will drink; neither be anxious. **read ›**

108 **Luke 12:33** Sell what you have and give alms. Make for yourselves money bags that do not grow old, an unfailing treasure in the heavens, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. **read ›**

109 **Luke 17:31** In that day, let him who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not go down to take them away. Let him who is in the field likewise not turn back. **read ›**

110 **Luke 21:34** So be careful, or your hearts will be loaded down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day will come on you suddenly. **read ›**

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111 **Acts 1:7** He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has set by his own authority. **read ›**

112 **Acts 4:32** The multitude of those who believed were of one heart and soul. No one said that any of his possessions was his own, but they had all things in common. **read ›**

113 **Acts 22:13** came to me, and standing by me said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight!’ In that very hour I looked up at him. **read ›**

114 **Romans 9:22** What if God, willing to show his wrath and to make his power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, **read ›**

115 **Romans 10:2** For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. **read ›**

116 **1 Corinthians 3:17** If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple. **read ›**

117 **1 Corinthians 4:3** But to me it is a very small thing to be judged by you or by a human court. Indeed, I do not even judge myself. **read ›**

118 **1 Corinthians 7:29** But this I say, brothers: the time is shortened. For the remaining time, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, **read ›**

119 **1 Corinthians 7:30** and those who weep as though they did not weep, and those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, and those who buy as though they did not possess, **read ›**

120 **1 Corinthians 7:31** and those who use this world as though they did not use it fully; for the form of this world is passing away. **read ›**

121 **Ephesians 2:12** were at that time separate from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world. **read ›**

122 **Philippians 4:6** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; **read ›**

123 **1 Thessalonians 5:1** But concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need that anything be written to you. **read ›**

124 **James 4:13** Come now, you who say, “Today and tomorrow let us go into this city, spend one year there, trade, and make a profit,” **read ›**

125 **James 4:14** you who do not know what tomorrow holds. For what is your life? For it will be a vapor, appearing for a little while and then vanishing. **read ›**

126 **James 4:16** But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. **read ›**

127 **1 Peter 4:3** For the past time of our life is enough for carrying out the desire of the Gentiles, walking in licentiousness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and unlawful idolatries. **read ›**

128 **1 Peter 5:7** casting all your care upon him, because he cares for you. **read ›**

129 **2 Peter 3:4** and saying, “Where is the promise of his coming? For, from the day that the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.” **read ›**

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