

Volume 5, Day 16: Obsessed with Self and Common Sense?

A warning which needs to be reiterated is that the cares of this world (the **things that affect our reputation**), the deceitfulness of riches (the **financial, medical and material** possessions), and the lust of other things (the desire to be **in control or in charge** of others) having a high priority, will choke all that God puts in. God only puts into us **love** which is the basis for all relationships. It is these things that draw us away from relationships of all kinds.

We are never free from the desires of the flesh, **prosperity, popularity and power**. These things come and go in recurring tides and often drown the very thing we want most, to love and to be loved (healthy relationships). If it isn't about clothes, shelter and food, it will be about money or friends or lack of them, or it will be about difficult circumstances or aggravating people. It is one steady barrage all the time. Unless we allow the Spirit of God to take charge of our life, the floods will overwhelm us.

"Take no thought for your life." "Be careful about one thing only," says Jesus, "your relationship to Me." Common sense shouts loud and says, "That is absurd. I must consider how I am going to live. I must consider what I am going to eat and drink." Jesus says that you must not. Don't think for a minute that it's easy for Jesus to say because He is God and we're not. The One Who **is** God, Jesus Christ, knows us and our circumstances better than we do. We are to "...cast all our cares upon Him!"

How much evil has tempted you today? How many times does your mind wander into thinking, "What am I going to do next month or this summer?" "Be anxious for nothing," Jesus says. If your desire to do His will and not yours, it takes no effort or thought!

My Confirming Scriptures:

Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan