

Let Go and Love Life!

I put a slice of bread into the toaster, then thought about the tasks before me. It was an easier day; make the bed, clean the shower, spread fifty pounds of fertilizer and spend three hours cutting tree limbs into smaller pieces. The bread popped up, burnt. I smiled, thinking, "Just the way I ate it as a young boy and an older Boy Scout. Topped with plenty of butter and good jam, it tastes wonderful." Small things like burnt toast can ruin someone's day because they cannot let go of it. Isaiah 43:18-19 (NKJV) encourages us to let go of the past and embrace a new day. To let go, we must trust the Lord with our heart instead of clinging to our own understanding (Proverbs 3:5-6). To trust Jesus, we must not be anxious about burnt toast or any other issues. We give those anxieties to Jesus, knowing he cares for us, then ask him for comfort and strength (Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Peter 5:7). When you go to Jesus, all bitterness, rage and anger departs, giving you love for life (Ephesians 4:31-32). This life is our opportunity to walk with God, fulfilling his plan for us (Jeremiah 29:11). Mine is to declare his strength to this generation and his power to everyone who is to come (Psalm 71:18). Let go of your troubles. Give them to Jesus. He will add genuine love, peace and joy to your career, marriage, family, and retirement (Matthew 6:33). Shalom!!

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