

*"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." 2Corinthians 11:3 KJV*



Have you ever wished that you could return to the simplicity of earnest childhood play? Experience corrupts simplicity, because it makes you aware of potential problems and fills your mind with stress about things you never gave thought to before. We used to play for hours with sticks and dirt and if we had just one toy car or truck, we could build a whole town. We explored the pond, the trees, and the yard for bugs tadpoles and rocks. Someone told us once if we could put salt on a bird's tail we could catch him, so we spent hours sneaking up on mockingbirds and blue jays. We learned you couldn't put salt on a bird's tail and that mom would get mad when she ran out of salt! However, some things are better left unlearned. Like how to cuss, drink alcohol, smoke, and do drugs. The apostle wrote to the Church at Rome, *"I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil."* Like a child at serious play, we can be earnest about the simple obedience in Christ, and unlearned concerning the myriad of doubt and despair that surrounds us. We do not need to study evil to know what it is. Knowing Truth will immediately identify evil without any prior knowledge of it. Bank tellers are taught to spot counterfeit by handling only real money, so counterfeit is immediately suspicious. They may not know WHAT is wrong with it, only that it IS wrong. Simplicity of faith rests the soul and soothes away care. We would fret so much less if we applied our hearts to know Wisdom and the fear of the Lord. Reverence and awe have their place, but fear of my Dad's wrath kept me obedient more often than not! We have somehow let Satan convince us our provision is inadequate or our circumstances out of control. We worry ourselves to a frazzle trying to order the chaos of circumstances instead of just trusting God and rising above it. If you can do nothing to effect change, don't stress about it. Move on to what you can do and leave the rest in God's infinitely capable control! Children do not worry about shelter, food, or clothing. They trust and expect it, knowing it will come. We burden ourselves with debt out of lustful desire, and then spend our lives chained to it rather than just being content with what God has provided. Anything beyond basic food, shelter, and clothing is not needed, it is desired. *"Having food and raiment, therewith be content."* If we learn to walk with the KING, obey God's Word, we'll be more than satisfied. We'll be content and complete. Don't let Satan's evil whispers corrupt you. Trust and obey, for there's no other way. Believers neither put their "head in the sand" nor fret. They cast their care upon the Lord. *"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: Casting ALL your care upon Him for He careth for you."*

Ignore the doubts that come your way,  
Trust in God, His Word obey,  
And when care commands your day,  
Stop awhile to kneel and pray. -CGP

Doubt and care corrupt your faith and burden your soul. If you don't have something, you don't need it. If you need it, God will provide it at the right time. God never is before His time and never is behind! Expect it! Your circumstances will never be a surprise to God. He prepared for them long before you were born!

*"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly...for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, BEFORE YE ASK Him." Matthew 6:6, 8 KJV*