

# *Remembering to Live Just Only Today in Today's Allotted Time (Matthew 6:24-34)*

*Re-Surrendering Day by Day*

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Today, again, I give my life to Christ.<sup>1</sup>

Today I'm in the Spirit<sup>2</sup> and in the light.<sup>3</sup>

Since my steps are ordered by the Lord,<sup>4</sup>

I'll go with God's flow, the day to enjoy.<sup>5</sup>

Since I'm honestly planning and intending on joy,

My happiness won't just be fleeting at best.<sup>6</sup>

No—it'll be accommodated and gainfully employed

At permeating my spirit with a strengthening zest.<sup>7</sup>

Some of God's plans for my life today?

Actually using His gifts for navigating my way —

Like the ever-useful gift of thought-surpassing peace,<sup>8</sup>

Like His ear and His care there my thoughts to release.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Matthew 10:37-40; Romans 12:1-3; I Corinthians 6:16-20*

<sup>2</sup> *Romans 8:1*

<sup>3</sup> *I John 1:7; John 8:12*

<sup>4</sup> *Jeremiah 29:11; Psalm 37:23 (NOTE: Read the entire chapter if time permits.)*

<sup>5</sup> *Philippians 4:4; Psalm 5:11; 33:21; 40:16; 68:3; 105:3*

<sup>6</sup> *Philippians 4:4; I Timothy 6:5;*

<sup>7</sup> *Nehemiah 8:10*

<sup>8</sup> *Philippians 4:6-7*

No mental rehearsal of potential calamity.<sup>10</sup>

No allowing tomorrow to steal today by worrying.<sup>11</sup>

No managing loved ones' lives like it's my job.

Instead, "letting" **God** be my loved ones' God.

Besides . . . learning, changing and loving self

Cannot be done by someone else.

My loved ones (and I) will just sometimes fall

In the arms of the One Who helps us all.

Today and ever after it's Philippians 4:8.<sup>12</sup>

Thoughts encountering my mind will be screened at that gate.

And I'll order my life with effective routines.<sup>13</sup>

When I need to refresh on the Father I'll lean.<sup>14</sup>

I'm so glad I keep giving my life o'er to Christ.

So I'll stay in the Spirit and walk in the light.

Since my steps are all ordered by my loving Lord,

As I'm flowing with God this new day I'll enjoy.

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<sup>9</sup> | Peter 5:6-7

<sup>10</sup> See Proverbs 3:21-26.

<sup>11</sup> Matthew 6:24-24, especially verses 31-34

<sup>12</sup> Descriptors of appropriate thoughts (in the CEV) are: true, noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report

<sup>13</sup> I Corinthians 14:40; Proverbs 4:26-27; Proverbs 6:6-11; Proverbs 10:3-5

<sup>14</sup> Psalm 23; Isaiah 40:27-31; Matthew 11:28-30