

God's Prescription for Joy: Rely on the Shepherd's Provision

Psalm 23:1b-2

^{1b}I shall not want.

*²He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters.*

How many times are we stressed out because we feel we have to do everything ourselves? We believe that if anything is going to be done right we have to do it. All accomplishment seems to depend on us. Others relax but not us. Do any of these statements sound like you? Many times we are stretched to the limit because we see ourselves as the only true provider. God wants us to understand that He truly cares for us and will provide for us.

1. We need to remember that God created and owns everything.
Deuteronomy 10:14, Psalm 24:1, 50:10, 104:24, Isaiah 44:24, Jeremiah 10:12, Job 38:4-6
2. We need to be reassured that God possesses all power.
Jeremiah 32:17, Luke 1:37, Matthew 19:26, Ephesians 3:20-21
3. God will provide the refreshment we need both now and in eternity.
Revelation 7:16-17, Psalm 36:8, Deuteronomy 2:7, Jeremiah 31:25, Philemon 1:20
4. God will provide for our rest.
Exodus 33:14, Ezekiel 34:15, Matthew 11:28-30, Mark 2:27, 6:31