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## TURN A CORNER!

Why this pressure of work to “earn a living” – why this overriding priority?

*Jesus forbids you to worry about working so hard to provide food and clothes (Mt. 6:25-31).*

“The pagans run after all these things”!! (Mt. 6:32). “Your heavenly Father knows that you need them” (v. 32). “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” (v. 33) – *that’s the God of all power’s promise to you.*

*So will you walk by faith or by sight?*

Four hundred years ago John Woolman, a shoemaker, sent customers to his competitor whenever that business would have encroached on his life with God and service for Him. “He being dead still speaks” (Heb. 11:4 NKJ).

Paul wrote to lay people in the busy metropolis of Corinth, “Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord” (1 Cor. 15:58). And to a whole area of people, “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” (Gal. 6:9).

But how scary is this – to allow the pressuring of work for “food and clothes” to crowd out laboring for God’s fabulous, everlasting rewards?

“Only one life; ‘twill soon be past.  
Only what’s done for Christ will last.”

For your own sake, for the sake of those you influence, *for God’s sake* get perspective. Turn a corner!