

Nothing

I. The Nothing Of Activity In Christian Service

Philippians 2:3

**Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in
lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than
themselves.**

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A. The problem of strife among Christians

1. Creates a lie

James 3:14

But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

2. Creates worldliness

James 3:15

This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

3. Creates confusion

James 3:16

For where envying and strife *is*, there is confusion and every evil work.

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B. Strife hinders the work of Christ

1. Strife in Corinth

1 Corinthians 3:1-4

3 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

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B. Strife hinders the work of Christ - continued

2. Strife keeps bad company

Galatians 5:19-21

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

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C. Overcome strife with the mind of Christ

Philippians 2:5-8

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

II. The Nothing Of Anxiety In Daily Life

Philippians 4:6

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

II. The Nothing Of Anxiety In Daily Life

A. Often we only obey “Be anxious”

B. Christ’s caution on anxiety

Matthew 6:34

Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself.

Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

- 1. Anxiety does nothing to help us cope tomorrow**
- 2. Anxiety only drains strength from today**

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C. Faith in Christ overcomes anxiety

Matthew 8:26-27

26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

III. The Nothing Of Almighty Power

Luke 1:37

For with God nothing shall be impossible.

A. Consider the challenge to Mary's faith

B. Every obstacle we face is tempered by this "nothing"

C. Faith grows by acceptance of this "nothing"

D. Jeremiah accepted this "nothing"

Jeremiah 32:27

Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

IV. The Nothing Of Apathetic Christianity

Revelation 3:15-16

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

IV. The Nothing Of Apathetic Christianity

A. Laodicea: the lukewarm church of the last days

B. The lukewarm church accomplishes nothing

C. Souls around this church remain lost

Lamentations 1:12

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the LORD hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger.

“ We have no business living ordinary lives in such extraordinary times.” – Vance Havner

**Let Nothing Hold Us Back
From Full Commitment to
Jesus**