

What's Wrong With Taking Care?

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Ever had anyone say to you, "take care" or "be careful", or perhaps "take care of yourself" sure, all of us have at some time, we have probably said it ourselves at sometime or another. But what are we really saying? I know what we mean to be saying, we are trying to express that we want the person whom we are talking to to stay safe, not get hurt, to have a good trip such as that. But if words mean anything and they do, then we should know what we are saying, so we will know what we will be receiving.

Jesus said, *"For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."*

The book of Proverbs teaches us that, *Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*

and, *Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul (mind, will and emotions) from troubles.*

Should We Take Care

Just what does it mean to "Take Care" according to the dictionary care means this.

1. A burdened state of mind, as that arising from heavy responsibilities; worry.
2. Mental suffering; grief.
3. An object or source of worry, attention, or solicitude
4. Mental oppression

I tell you I do not want to take any of that with me, do you? No, of course not. So what should we say when someone tells us to take care, well I just say no thank you, but I will walk in the blessing, and then I smile.

The Sower, the Seed, and Hearing.

Look at Mark 4:3-9 *Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow: And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up. And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth: But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred. And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

Mark 4:14-22 The sower soweth the word. And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. And these are they likewise which are

sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred. And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick? For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

Now note from this passage that there are two very important things to see, of course there is more but I want you to see these two things: Results, Jesus has guaranteed that when the sower sows the word that:

1. Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts *and*
2. Jesus has given the guarantee that not one single thing will be hidden from you if we will seek God on it.

the results will be a 100 fold. The key to this whole teaching that Jesus teaching is hearing, in other words the way you hear and act on what you hear and measure what you hear, is the way it will be measured to you some sixty some thirty, some a hundred fold. You and I will produce 30% and have 70% failure or 60% and have 40% failure or 100% and have no failure, it is up to the hearer, notice the word hear, heard, ears, is used in this parable 10 times.

If The Seed Does Not Grow It Will Not Produce.

The central theme in this parable is that for some reason or other the seed did not grow, there by producing no results. Why? well the ground it was sown into, notice though the passage that says *And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.* You could read that like this: *And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, And the burdened state of the mind, that arises from heavy responsibilities; worry. mental suffering; grief, solicitude mental oppression of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.* So do you really want to take care?

Now look at what was happening, Jesus was teaching after he finished teaching the people his staff came to him and ask that he explain these things to them, and he did, now get this don't let it get by you, Jesus was doing the teaching, about how to hear, and the kind of results they could have if they have ears to hear, and not to let the CARE of this life choke the word of of them.

Have you ever been praying and you just cannot seem to get the picture of the answer you want, it just seems to be beyond your thinking? Well there must be some care choking the word in you, get the word of God and do some digging in your garden.

Going To The Other Side

So after the meeting on the same day, right after Jesus had been teaching his staff, he said: "And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. Do you think Jesus had any care about if they would make it or not? No not at all he went got his pillow, and went to sleep, I mean if anything were to happen on the ship most of his staff were X-fishermen and they know how to handle a boat.

But what happen verse 37: *And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?*

What did he just get through teaching them about **care**? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

What was Jesus saying here?, Why did you let the CARE of this storm choke the word out of you, and why did you let fear be your master and not faith. Anyone of those men could have rebuked that storm just like Jesus did, but they let the care, the mental oppression, worry, they let that storm be an object or source of worry, attention, or solicitude to them.

Let's Give A Care!

Now let me show you a scripture that has helped me tremendously, in fact this one scripture has caused me to no-longer have any stress in my life; you can use it on your job, in your home, it will work for you in everything you do. **1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.** The Living Bible says it this way: *Let him have all your worries and cares, for he is always thinking about you and watching everything that concerns you.* Now the Lord is not having mental oppression, and grief over you, because He knows the outcome of everything you are involved in, and really we do to, we win! I remember when I started learning how to do this, I would roll the care of everything over onto the Lord, my daughter left the lights on in a delivery truck I drove, and of course when I went to go to work a 5:00 a.m. the next morning the battery was dead, and so I had to jump the battery off with my own truck, but I could not find a way to open the hood, I looked and hunted and got greasy and strife was ready to set in and I was set to be some kind of upset, and right in the middle of it the Lord brought this scripture to me, so I stopped raised both hands and just said out loud, "Father I roll the care of this whole situation over on you and refuse to get into care about it in Jesus name, amen.

Well you know the answer came, I was in peace and my day was not at all harmed in any way, in fact I had a great day on the job, and when I got home instead of just chewing out my girl because I had been brooding over the thing all day, I was able to talk to her and teach hr something about being responsible. That is a better way folks, and it is all because of Jesus, who takes the care of me.

What About You.

Are there some storms in your life that you have let choke the word out of you,? do you feel oppressed, if you do I have good news for you, you can stand up and look square into that storm and rebuke it and it should obey you as well, you do not have to take CARE, take Jesus he is the word, he is your joy, he is on the inside of you and that makes you good ground! Amen, and when you do that then the devil and all of his cohorts will fear exceedingly, and say one to another, what manner of man {or woman} is this that even the wind and the sea obey? Because he devil and the demons of hell, run in stark terror from them who resist them in the Name of Jesus. *James 4:7 submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*