

Thought for the day - Friday 1st July 2022

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Do not worry.

It is not good to worry too much about life. Jesus said to his disciples – “Do not worry about your life’ what you will eat, or about what your body will wear.” This is a strong message from Luke’s gospel about the rich fool.

World Bank and other international organisation suggested that the threshold per person per day is about 1.90 dollars a day for extreme poverty level and to reflect minimum income level. This shows that those who fall under this poverty level cannot fulfil their basic human needs. This means that the rich are getting richer while the poor are getting poorer.

The parable of the rich fool is as relevant as ever and Luke’s gospel about caring for the poor, and its fundamental message is to be aware of a greedy heart. The rich fool is guilty of thinking too much about himself, and truly little of social responsibility. We all need to care for our neighbours as the informative book teaches us. The rich fool had ample goods laid up for many years, relax, eat drink and be merry as in (Luke 12. 9). This shows that wealth cushions us against life realities, like death. We do not know tomorrow and can die any day. Therefore, we must not play God.

We must remember that true riches are imperishable and eternal, and this is what we should be striving for things that are heavenly. We must think of others and to make the world a better place for us all. We must not harden our hearts against the suffering and the needs for others. We must guard against the disparity between those who have and have not, this is the unequal distribution of wealth in our world today.

Bible passage: Luke 12. 13 -21.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to avoid the love of money and riches but to think more about things of your heavenly kingdom. Amen.