

A Bag of Potatoes

Isaac Page tells the story of a poor man in Ireland who was plodding along toward home, carrying a huge sack of potatoes. A horse and wagon came along and the driver stopped to offer him a ride. The man accepted and climbed up on the seat alongside the driver, but kept holding the bag of potatoes in his arms.

When the driver suggested that he lay the bag down on the wagon floor, he replied warmly in his Irish brogue, "I don't like to trouble you too much, sir. You're a givin' me a ride already, so I'll just carry the potatoes."

Before we chuckle at the poor man, we should ask ourselves: Do we do the same when we try to carry life's burdens by worrying instead of turning them over to God? No wonder we become weary, our hearts faint within us, and we lose courage.

Any circumstance over which we have no control can become a "bag of potatoes" if we fret and worry about the outcome.

So the next time you start worrying, let God carry the burden for you. Perhaps it is a health issue, for yourself or a family member. Maybe it is a financial difficulty. It could be a wayward child.

God wants us to burden Him with whatever burdens us.

Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

--Beecher Hunter