

The Worried Clock

Did you hear about the clock that had a nervous breakdown? At first, everything was fine – it was keeping good time and operating in excellent fashion. But then it started to think about how many ticks would go through its mechanism before it died of old age.

Two ticks a second would add up to 120 ticks a minute, 7,200 per hour, 172,800 per day, 1,209,600 per week, and 62,899,200 ticks for the year. Troubled by these staggering statistics, the poor clock collapsed from nervous exhaustion.

The owner took it to a clock doctor who probed until he learned what was worrying the timepiece. “I have to tick so much,” said the clock. “But just a minute,” replied the doctor, “how many ticks do you have to produce at a time?”

“Oh, I operate one tick at a time,” responded the clock.

A fanciful story? Yes, but many of us think that way. We borrow trouble from tomorrow rather than trusting God for each day. Faith in the ability of our Heavenly Father to supply every need and meet every emergency will enable us to live triumphantly.

We can confidently place tomorrow in His hands.

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