

GRAPE JUICE AND ENOUGH

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My mother, who is currently under lockdown in a retirement village in Lima, Ohio, was a child of the depression and World War II.

One of the enduring memories I have was returning home as a young adult. During that time, I became aware of a pattern that occurred at the breakfast table. We were served grape juice, which was homemade and highly desired, but were only served half a glass. Coffee fell under the same ground rules—one-half cup.

Being an adult with an adult appetite, I asked mother why only half a cup. She responded simply. I want to make sure everyone has enough. There always was.

I remembered that memory this past week as I looked at our stock of groceries. We have plenty. However, every time I drive past a supermarket, this little voice whispers in my ear, “do you have enough”? There is an urge to stop and to buy much more to ensure that we are well stocked for whatever is to come. “I want to make sure everyone has enough. There always was.”

Matthew six says it like this, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? 28” And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own” (Mt. 6:26-34, New International Version, Copyright 2011-2019 Biblica).

There is enough.

Amen

Blessings to all,

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