

A sepia-toned photograph of a cluttered antique shop. The shop is filled with various items, including birdhouses, lanterns, metalware, and decorative objects. The items are arranged on shelves, tables, and hanging from the ceiling. The overall atmosphere is one of a well-stocked, somewhat chaotic antique store. The text "Messy Life" is overlaid in the center in a white, serif font.

Messy Life

¹⁰ Don't be afraid, for I am with you.

Don't be discouraged, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you.

I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

Isaiah 41:10 NLT



Fear serves a purpose. It sounds an alarm that something you value may be in danger.

The ideal response is not to dismiss the alert. It's to troubleshoot.

Emotional intelligence involves checking if the threat is real and choosing an effective reaction.

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¹³ All who fear the LORD will hate evil. Therefore, I hate pride and arrogance, corruption and perverse speech.

Proverbs 8:13 NLT



Unhealthy Fear in the Bible



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2. A *barrier* to our *walk* with God



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⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity,
but of power, love, and self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:7



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3. *Fear only wins when there is an absence of trust in God.*



³⁰ And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?

³¹ “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ ³² These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. ³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

³⁴ “So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Matthew 6:30-34 NLT



MEMBERSHIPS

- ¹⁵ And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.
- ¹⁶ Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.
- ¹⁷ And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. (Col. 3:15-17 NLT)

Celebration Sunday!

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