

HOW'S YOUR "CHECK OIL LIGHT" DOING?

We will be talking all year about making sure we have oil in our lamps while looking at end times prophecy throughout the Bible and how we should act and behave as Christians through the things unfolding in the world. Our goal in this is to get less distracted by all the stuff that's going on in our world.

EASILY DISTRACTED...

2026 The Little Chapel Verse:

“Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.”

-Hebrews 2:1

BIBLICAL PROPHECY

Matthew 13:10-17

CONCERNS CHOKE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

-Matthew 13:1-9 (vs 7)

-Matthew 13:18-23 (vs 22)

CONCERNS CHOKE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

“In order to bear spiritual fruit you have to keep growing in your relationship with God.

If you aren't growing you have plateaued.

Plateaus might be found in geography books, but they're not found in the Bible.”

-Unknown

CONCERNS CHOKE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

What is the evidence in your life that shows you are growing in your relationship with God?

POSSIBLE DISTRACTIONS

- Daily Anxieties
- Career Ambitions
- Family Cares/worries
- Financial Worries
- Material Pursuits
- Knowledge/Keeping up with the World's
Happenings

CAUSE & EFFECT

THE DISTRACTION OF WORRY

- Worry consumes mental energy that could be devoted to spiritual matters.
- Worry generates doubt about God's provision and goodness.
- Worry causes us to do things within our own strength and understanding.

CAUSE & EFFECT

THE DISTRACTION OF WORRY

-Worry creates emotional distance from God's presence.

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RESULT:

- A Fruitless Life
- Not a dead one, but an unproductive one
- The plant continues living but never produces the fruit it was designed to bear.

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Are You Growing?

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Matthew 6:25-34

(Jesus identifies worry as not just uncomfortable but unnecessary for believers. The solution isn't ignoring practical needs but prioritizing spiritual focus.)

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"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever! Amen."

-2 Peter 3:18

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“This is to my Father’s glory,
that you bear much fruit, showing
yourselves to be my disciples.”

-John 15:8

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"Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe. I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.

Selah..."

-Psalm 61

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“For you have heard my vows, O God; you have given me the heritage of those who fear Your Name. Increase the days of the king’s life, his years for many generations. May he be enthroned in God’s presence forever; appoint your love and faithfulness to protect him...”

-Psalm 61

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"Then I will ever sing praise to Your Name
and fulfil my vows day after day."

-Psalm 61

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Spiritual fruitfulness requires resisting the
distraction of worry.

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The Remedy:

Intentional redirection of attention from the temporary concerns to eternal priorities. When we maintain spiritual focus, God promises to handle the very concerns that threaten to distract us.