

Of cartoons, shopping carts and FAITH



Today, as I perused Facebook, I saw a cartoon that depicted Jesus sitting on a rock saying: “Don’t lay up treasures for yourselves on the earth”, then someone in the crowd says: “What about toilet paper”? Jesus responds with: Let me speak more s-l-o-w-l-y... I thought to myself – since when did a common item like toilet paper become a “treasure”. The answer came to me very quickly- When you don’t have it, Gary. As I continued my browsing, I came along this picture and I thought to myself: how ridiculous! But then, its

not that ridiculous, its very **sad**. In the mad scramble to gather what we need before the stores run out of everything, we can very easily cross a line from need to greed. I wonder, if we leave the store with a cart like this, filled to the brim with **EVERYTHING**, exactly what does that say about our faith?

Jesus said:

Matthew 6 (World English Bible)

“Don’t lay up treasures for yourselves on the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal; ^[20] but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume, and where thieves don’t break through and steal; ^[21] for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

And

“Which of you by being anxious, can add one moment to his lifespan? ^[28] Why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of

the field, how they grow. They don't toil, neither do they spin, ^[29] yet I tell you that even Solomon in all his glory was not dressed like one of these. ^[30] But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today exists and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, won't he much more clothe you, you of little faith?

^[31] "Therefore don't be anxious, saying, 'What will we eat?', 'What will we drink?' or, 'With what will we be clothed?' ^[32] For the Gentiles seek after all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ^[33] But seek first God's Kingdom and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well. ^[34] Therefore don't be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Each day's own evil is sufficient.

Now, let me speak more s-l-o-w-l-y.

Have faith in God; do not worry!