

Bermudian Church of the Brethren

WEDNESDAY's WORD – a midweek thought from Pastor Larry M. Dentler

to share a word of inspiration ... encouragement ... challenge ... a smile ... in the middle of your week
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“What, Me Worry?”

My son John started his own small business this Spring, “Dentler Home Services,” doing miscellaneous home repairs and upgrades on his days off from his work as a firefighter/paramedic with Baltimore County, MD. His new business has done very well and John really enjoys the work. He has a couple guys working for him part-time and it keeps John busy meeting with customers, getting supplies, and keeping the schedule! But he told me of a thing that happened last week that made his old dad smile ... a knowing, been-there-done-that kind of smile!

He had a family that he had done \$6000 worth of work for. They called to say that they weren’t going to pay because they weren’t happy with everything, and they wanted to talk with him about “*some things*.” He assured them he would make things right and set up an appointment for a few days later. As John tells the story he agonized over what he had done wrong. He worried and fretted and thought about it all day long the next couple days. He tossed and turned thinking of it at night.

When the day came for the appointment he was anxious. But he steeled himself for the confrontation. The family welcomed him warmly and took him to show him a piece of trim that was loose. “Yes,” admitted John, “*looks like we forgot the last couple nails on that.*” He went to his truck and got his hammer and nails, and fixed the trim. “*What next?*” he asked. “No, that’s it,” said the husband, “*I’ll write your check.*” John was puzzled, “*I thought you said there were some things you wanted to talk with me about.*” “Oh yes,” they smiled, “*we are so pleased with your work that we’d like to talk with you about the next projects we’d like you to do for us.*”

So much for all the time & energy spent on worry!

Many, many years ago, when I was going through a very dark time, a dear friend (who went on to become my precious wife ... Cathy) gave me a saying that I’ve tried to live by,

“*Don’t ruin today worrying about how yesterday will impact tomorrow.*”

Jesus cautioned about letting worry get the best of you,

“So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.” Matthew 6:34 NLT

And the Apostle Paul gives us the perfect antidote for worry,

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