

"Stop worrying, but don't stop praying and working for good to grow, because God wants not only your trust, but your action also," responded the friend.

The man smiled at his friend, and said, "Thank you for reminding me what loving God means: to trust Him, to work for Him and to help others do the same, and to have no fear in your life, only security in Him."

Together, the two walked off discussing how they should pray more for the salvation of souls, and how they could encourage others to join them in this, and the works they were planning, to help spread the goodness of God in the future.

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### **WHY WORRY?**

Irish Logic

IN THE END, THERE ARE ONLY TWO THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT:

EITHER YOU ARE WELL OR YOU ARE SICK.

WHEN YOU'RE WELL, THERE IS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

BUT IF YOU'RE SICK, THEN THERE ARE TWO THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT:

EITHER YOU GET WELL OR YOU WILL DIE.

WHEN YOU GET WELL, THERE IS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

BUT WHEN YOU DIE, THEN THERE ARE TWO THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT:

EITHER YOU'LL GO TO HEAVEN OR YOU'LL GO TO HELL.

WHEN YOU GO TO HEAVEN, THERE IS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

BUT WHEN YOU GO TO HELL, YOU'LL BE SO DARN BUSY

SHAKING HANDS WITH FRIENDS,

YOU WON'T HAVE TIME TO WORRY!

### **SO WHY WORRY! ?**

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from *Stories of Love*

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"Ah...yes, but there is a lot of good happening, also," replied the friend.

"Well, I don't see much of that," responded the man.

### **WHAT ABOUT THE GOOD?**

"What about all the people who go to Church? What about many of the young people today who are turning to God? What about the people who help when disasters strike? What about the people who give to help the poor? What about the people who stand for peace? What about the people who stand against sin? What about the people who try to bring a better life for all people on earth? If you add the many more who try to do what is right in their lives, you would find there is a lot of good in the world," suggested the friend.

"All I ever see are bad things happening: wars, disasters, starvation, people not interested in God, greed, selfishness, drugs, violence, lots of crime, lots of anger and hatred. The world today is a bad place!" stated the man.

### **WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?**

"Well, if you look for these things, you will find them, for they are happening, but if you look for good, you will find that, too, for it is there: it is just in the way that you look," replied the friend.

"I'm sure God will not put up with this much longer," said the man, as he shook his head in disgust.

"God is merciful; it says so in Holy Scripture, and we humans can never understand His mercy. I think, however, that as long as there are people living for Him in the world, trying to live according to His Commandments, sacrificing for His love, and praying for others, then I think God will continue to shower His merciful love upon mankind, giving people every opportunity to change their lives and come to Him. If this were not so, I think God would have destroyed mankind long before now," stated the friend.

## **IT HAS NEVER BEEN SO BAD!**

"When?" snapped the man. "The world has never been so bad!"

"Is that really so?" inquired the friend. "Think about fascism and communism's time; think how sin flourished then. Millions killed, many more suffering; force was used in an effort to stop people from loving God. Terrible, terrible things happened, but often they were hidden from view. Much of what happens today happened then, but was hidden from the public.

"How many children were killed? People tortured and murdered? People enslaved? Freedom was denied for so many; how can you say it is worse today? I think the only difference is that we see it more clearly today."

"Maybe you are right," mused the man. "There was a lot of sin then. I suppose people at that time wondered why God didn't come and destroy mankind."

"I think God is so merciful that He will give mankind as much time as is necessary, and I don't think we as humans will be able to guess what the Divine Will is. I think we should just keep loving God, serving Him, reaching out to others in love, and trusting that God will continue to be merciful to mankind," suggested the friend with a smile. "For I think that is how God wants us to be."

### **TRUST IN GOD**

"You know, I think you are right," replied the man. "Why worry? Leave it to God."

"Well, that is what Jesus showed in Holy Scripture. His life was not one of worry, but one of complete trust in the Father, knowing the Father's Will was and is the same as His will: merciful and forgiving. If we as Christians are to follow Christ our Lord, we should follow Him in trust, as He showed us in His life," explained the friend.

"From today," said the man, "I am going to stop worrying about all the bad and focus on the good, trusting that in God's Will, the good will grow in the world and many will be saved in His mercy."