ALL Year Long

Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7 NLT

A new year has arrived. A new year for **all** of us. A year of new beginnings, experiences, hope and dreams. A year sure to have some struggles, frustrations, disappointments, and fear. A year bursting with happiness, joy, and laughter. We are **all** beginning 2022 together. Even though we don't know what the new year holds, we know the Lord will be in it with us-**all** the way-no matter what. That's a promise from Deuteronomy 31:8.

That little word – **all**. According to the Cambridge Dictionary, the word **all** means: every one (of), or the complete amount or number (of), or the whole (of).

We are to give **all** of our worries and cares to God. **All**. Don't hold anything back. **All**. The big and the small. **All**. Your health concerns; your financial problems. **All**. Your loved ones, your friends, and those people you are praying for. **All**. That job you need and your bills. **All**. Your kids and your grandkids. **All**. The car, the washing machine, the house payment. **All**. A sick pet. Covid-19. Your neighbor. Your anxiety. Your 401K. Your future. Nothing - absolutely nothing - is too big or too small. God cares for the sparrow (Matthew 10:29). He created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1). He is the maker of **all** things (Isaiah 44:24) and nothing is too hard for Him (Jeremiah 32:27).

That little but powerful word *all* could have been left out of the Bible verse in 1 Peter 5:7, and the verse would still make sense. But God, in His awesome love for us, wants us to know that because He cares for us, **all** our worries and cares matter to Him. **All** means **all**. Every single one. Nothing left out. Because God loves **all** of us (Romans 5:8) and Jesus died for **all** of us (John 3:16), He wants **all** our worries and **all** our cares – every one of them...the complete amount or number of them...the whole of them...**all** the time...**all** year long.

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in **all** things, at **all** times, having **all** that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

Happy New Year to all of you – from all of us.

God bless,

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