

nov 24

dust if you must

"so teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." psalms 90:12

here we are, at today. why is today special? because, for many, this may be their last day. if not today, then perhaps tomorrow. that's something that none of us know.

i am reminded of the parable of Jesus about the man who decided to build bigger barns to contain my many possessions and take his leisure the rest of his life. "but God said to him, 'fool! this night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'" luke 12:20

or perhaps the one about mary and martha; martha being the one who decided the menial tasks of this world were more important. (perhaps such as the poem below.) "but one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." luke 10:42

dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better
to paint a picture, or write a letter,
bake a cake, or plant a seed;
ponder the difference between want and need?

dust if you must, but there's not much time,
with rivers to swim, and mountains to climb;
music to hear, and books to read;

friends to cherish, and life to lead.

dust if you must, but the world's out there
with the sun in your eyes, and the wind in your hair;
a flutter of snow, a shower of rain,
this day will not come around again.

dust if you must, but bear in mind,
old age will come and it's not kind.
and when you go (and go you must)
you, yourself, will make more dust.

by rose milligan

the Son of God was visiting this earth in human flesh,
and other things were deemed more important to many. i
guess my question is: are we still neglecting Him
today? because He's still here with us now. perhaps
not in the physical sense He was before, but everyday i
feel His presence. i feel His guidance and the
unfathomable love He has for me.

do i need Him? every moment of every day. do i talk
with Him? oh so many times throughout the day. do i
miss Him when He's gone? He never is. if anyone is
missing, it is me.

i read an interesting statement the other day; one, i
think, worth sharing. "if you don't feel like praying
force it because something else is trying to force you
not to."

are you missing? are you tending to the menial things and neglecting the really "needed" things? (in saying that, i do not necessarily mean the tasks mentioned in the poem above. while undoubtedly some be noble pursuits, they are not nearly as needed as your relationship with Jesus.)

yes, we all have tasks that need to be performed, but do you take Him with you or leave Him behind? do you know, "two can accomplish more than one"? so what am i saying? "take Jesus with you. He's a handy guy to have around daily and a MUST when you depart."
remember: "in the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return." gen 2:7