

“It does not take much reading of Paul’s letter to recognize that the gospel is the singular passion of his life.”

Gordon Fee

Searching Questions

- What is really important to you? I mean really important.
 - What is your passion in life?
 - Is there any other thing that you think you must have in life besides Christ and His will?
 - Is there any other thing or person that you are worshipping?
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Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:6-7

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me. O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.

Psalms 131: 1-3

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

Psalms 37:5

do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

“A natural way of thinking about other people leads to praise for their favors and criticism for their faults. But Paul’s thinking about the Philippians is not divided in this way, between praise and criticism. All of his thinking about them causes Paul to thank God. There is only one way to see Paul’s claim to complete thanksgiving in his remembrance of the Philippians as more than an exaggeration. Only in prayer to God can there be this consistent gratitude, for prayer with a Godward perspective focuses on God’s gracious work in human lives no matter how fallen and needy.”

G. Walter Hansen