IT'S ALL WE HAVE.

Today is the most important day of your life because yesterday can't be changed and tomorrow may never come.

There is no such thing as a special occasion. Every day is a special occasion, and we should live like it.

Worry/Anxiety

Stress. It is probably one of the biggest risks we face. The more worried you are that you might get sick, the more likely it is that you will, or if you do get sick that you'll end up sicker, or even dead, from an illness you might have survived if you just didn't worry so much.

The more worried you are about the health of your heart, the more damage you do to your heart. The more worried you are about losing your memory, the more your memory fades. The list of damage that worry can do, because of the biology of stress, is long and scary.

Which means that not worrying more than we have to may be the best thing we can do for our health.

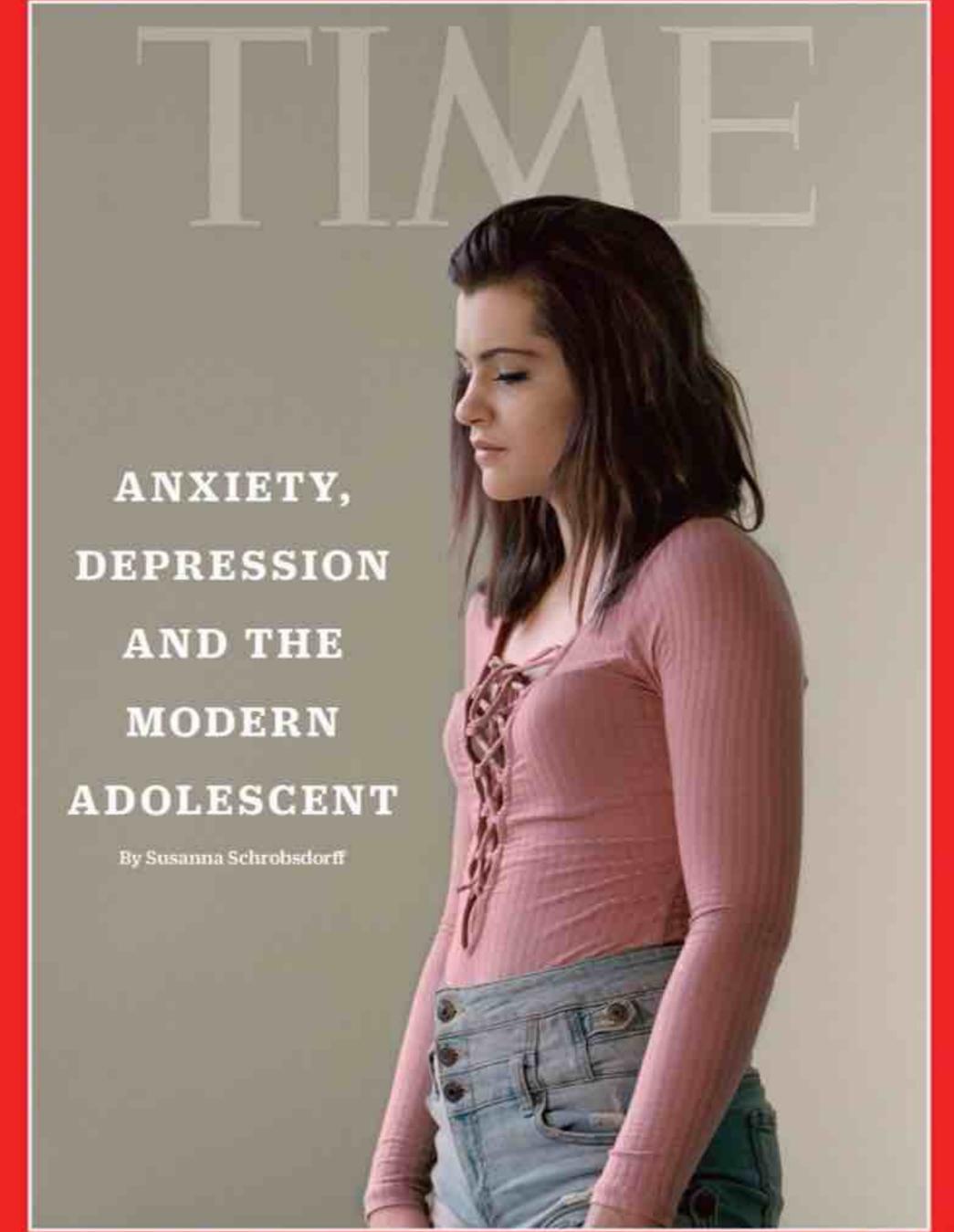
The pressures of our times have many of us caught in the web of the most acceptable yet energy draining sin in the Christian family: worry.

The stress from worry drains our energy and preoccupies our minds, stripping us of our peace. Few in God's family are exempt. We are over big things and little things. Some of us have a laundry list of concerns that feed our addiction to worry. Anxiety has become a favorite pastime that we love to hate.

And worse, we're passing it on to our children.

As they see worry on our faces and as
they hear it from our lips, we're mentoring
them in the art of anxiety.

Chuck Swindoll



Worry – Fear

...do not worry about your life,

Matthew 6:25 NIV

...do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?

Matthew 6:25 NIV

We worry about most what is worth most to us.

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

Matthew 6:26 NIV

Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

Matthew 6:27 NIV

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—

Matthew 6:30 NIV

If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

Matthew 6:30 NIV

Worry is assuming responsibility for things that are out of our control. That's pretty much everything.

So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

Matthew 6:31-32 NIV

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Matthew 6:34 NIV

When it comes to your life, God sees, God knows, and God cares.

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8 NIV Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?

f you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

Matthew 7:11 NIV

Do what you can do today, and trust God to keep His promises tomorrow.

If you can — do.

If you can't — trust.

God was faithful yesterday. God is faithful today. God will be faithful tomorrow. Don't worry about it.