

1. You are not in control, God is; therefore, be bold, the best defense is a good offense, Ecclesiastes 11:1-6; Matthew 13:44-45; John 10:10

"The purpose of the sovereignty of God is not to cause you to lean on a shovel, praying for a hole. You have to venture out boldly and let the sovereignty of God be your comfort, not your excuse."

- Iain Provan

2. Be happily and seriously engage in the mission of the Kingdom early in life, Ecclesiastes 11:7-10; Zephaniah 3:17; Isaiah 52:7.

"The settled happiness and security which we all desire, God withholds from us by the very nature of the world: but joy, pleasure, and merriment, He has scattered broadcast. We are never safe, but we have plenty of fun, and some ecstasy. It is not hard to see why. The security we crave would teach us to rest our hearts in this world and poses an obstacle to our return to God: a few moments of happy love, a landscape, a symphony, a merry meeting without friends, a bathe or a football match, have no such tendency. Our Father refreshes us on the journey with some pleasant inns, but will not encourage us to mistake them for home."

- C.S. Lewis

"Contentment does not consist in the multitude of possessions, but in the fulfillment of desire. If the desire is great, then much is needed for the fulfillment of this desire; if it is small, only a little will suffice. Man needs little to live in the service of God, and if his desires are commensurate with what he needs, a little is sufficient to fill his desires and his stomach."

- Wilhelmus a' Brakel