

Daily Devotion For October 21, 2022

**"Seek ye first** the Kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33.

Yesterday I was out for a walk in my neighborhood when I heard a thump right beside me. When I looked around I saw a walnut a few feet from me. I looked up, but I didn't see a walnut tree. I walked away thinking maybe some kid threw it at me.

As a kid, I remember sitting at the kitchen table cracking walnuts with my mother. Almost getting hit by the walnut reminded me of the story of a jar filled with unshelled walnuts and rice filled in around them. This is a story of priorities and how to fit prayer into your busy day.

If you fill the jar with rice first and then try to put the walnuts in they won't fit all the way. If you put the walnuts in first and then pour in the rice everything fits. If the walnuts represent our time spent with the Lord and the rice represents all the other busy things that fill our lives we will never have enough time for the Lord if we fill the jar with the rice, (all the busy things of life).

But when we fill our lives first with the walnut (time spent with God) then we have time for all the other things of life. When we try to squeeze prayer and our time with God in as an afterthought it just won't fit.

**Thought For Today:** What are you putting in your jar today? The walnuts or the rice?

**Today's Prayer Focus:** Pray that you will make the wise choice of filling your jar with time spent with God. Then, everything else will fit. Deo Volente.