

*Petty problems are those which only  
affect you*

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If you are the only person that is truly affected by a problem, then you may want to consider if you are being petty. Sometimes things which negatively affect us are not always all about us. There are some things we just need to get over. Petty is defined as small, minor, of little importance, and trifling. Petty problems can consume our lives and literally blind us for the more important issues at hand. They consume large amounts of energy and effort and yield zero advancement even when they are resolved. The only thing different once they are solved is that you got your way, and that is not a Biblical standard by which God instructs us to live. Esteem more highly the things of God and that which He has entrusted to you. Forgive, forget, and move on beyond the concerns that matter only to you. Kingdom business is at hand. While we sit brooding, people are lost, dying, and going to hell. Don't be petty.

*Prayer for Today*

God, help me set my eyes and mind on things above and live with an eternity-mindedness. Teach me to recognize the subjects that matter and to deal with them with Kingdom results in mind. I will not promote myself to a place of importance by preempting Your will with my petty worries and concerns. I will put You first and trust that You are able to take care of that which concerns me.

*Scriptures for Today*

Luke 12:29-32 And don't be concerned about what to eat and what to drink. Don't worry about such things. These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers all over the world, but your Father already knows your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need. So don't be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom. (NLT)