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Mother's Calendar

"Do not worry whether or not the sun will rise: be prepared to enjoy it."

My mother had a calendar of daily quotes on her kitchen counter. Although it is stained and weathered, I have kept it in memory of her. Mom never judged others, accepted all and shared her love with everyone. She was a 'great lady'!

The calendar quote for May 31st; "Do not worry whether or not the sun will rise: be prepared to enjoy it.", displays a deep trust in God. I wondered if it was Biblical. Imagine my amazement to find it was written by Pearl Bailey and found in her cookbook, Pearl's Kitchen: An Extraordinary Cookbook. (Harcourt 1973) Pearl Bailey has many thought-provoking quotes attributed to her.

Here are a few:

"People see God every day, they just don't recognize him."

"We look into mirrors but we only see the effects of our times on us – not our effects on others."

"I discuss humanity and not race."

"There are two kinds of talents, man-made talent and God-given talent. With man-made talent you have to work very hard. With God-given talent, you just touch it up once in a while. "

"You never find yourself until you face the truth."

"A man without ambition is dead. A man with ambition but no love is dead. A man with ambition and love for his blessings here on earth is ever so alive."

"No one can figure your worth but you."

"I never really look for anything. What God throws my way comes. I wake up in the morning and whichever way God turns my feet, I go."

"Everybody wants to do something to help, but nobody wants to be first."

"Hungry people cannot be good at learning or producing anything, except violence."

As I read Pearl Bailey's quotes, I feel she had a personal relationship with God. She was a wise soul who shared wise thoughts.

Quotes on a stained and weathered calendar draw me closer to God. I hope in sharing them, you feel closer to God as well.

"Do not worry whether or not the sun will rise: be prepared to enjoy it"!

Blessings, [Ruth Ann](#)

*"Our relationship with God and each other strengthens us, and helps make the world a better place.
We welcome and include **everyone** into congregational life."*

