

Devotionals

Don't Sweat It!

May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans to succeed.
Psalm 20:4 (NIV)



As you know, all vacations require some planning. Unfortunately, I would plan summer trips so passionately that by the time we would get on the plane; I was rude to my husband and bad mannered with everyone else. It was so bad one year my husband threatened to stop all vacation travel. It was time for me to wake up and smell the hot dogs!

Take a little advice from a girl who loves away time. This summer do not get caught up so much in the planning that you cannot enjoy your party. When you leave to spend a weekend at the coast, go to that family reunion, or picnic in the park, make a decision not to sweat the small stuff. Pack less and laugh more. So what if the kids wear the same shirt twice or you forget to pack your husband's socks.

While your days are crammed with activity, keep in mind rest is a spiritual thing. Your children and grandchildren will remember how you make them feel inside. They will not remember wearing a wrinkled pair of shorts. If all the things you carefully plan don't happen, what real impact will it have on your family fun time? Selah.



Prayer

Father God, I lay my heart open before you. I confess the smiles and laughter of the ones I love are the most important things in this world. Help me to make happy memories for my family and me this summer. As I stand by the grill, wash the extra towels or make the bologna sandwiches, help me remember that I do these things to help them feel loved, secure, and happy. Amen

Selah

*Pause and think on this.
Too much planning makes it difficult to play.*