

# Thursday Devotional

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Our devotional for today comes from the devotional book, *“The Heart of the Matter”* and is written by Winston T. Smith. I found this ministered to my heart and definitely convicted me of areas in my own life. I hope this encourages and challenges you today.

“See their profound shame. After Adam and Eve sinned, they scrambled to cover their nakedness and they hid in the garden to conceal themselves from God. They had realized they were morally filthy. Try to imagine that first horrifying moment of realizing that you are a sinner, deserving judgment, and living in the world of a holy and just God.

Sinners have been looking for ways to cover themselves ever since. We will do anything to prove that we are making contribution, and that we are good, that we don’t deserve God’s disapproval. How much of our busyness is really an effort to prove our worth?

When God confronted Adam and Eve, he cursed the very things in which men and women would seek to find their worthy – their labor (Genesis 3:16-19). The very things we would hope to give us meaning and worthy have been cursed so that to be ‘fruitful’ in them will require extreme effort. You may try to take pride in your work; you may try to find life and meaning in your children, but God isn’t going to make it easy for you. God wants us to find our rest in him, not in our own proud efforts. He won’t allow us to successfully cover ourselves. He faithfully and lovingly steers us away from trusting in our own efforts so that we can find true rest in the work he has done.”

For further study: Genesis 3