

Work and Provision

According to Salim b. Abi al-Ja'd,

Jesus, the son of Mary, said,

"Work for God and not for your stomachs. Look at the birds: they rise up at dawn and enter into the evening having neither planted nor harvested, yet God provides for them. Now if you say to me,

'Our stomachs are so much larger than those of birds,' look then at the oxen, the wild beasts and the donkeys; they neither plow nor harvest the earth, yet God provides for them as well. Beware of the luxuries of this world, and fear them, for the luxuries of this world are filth in the sight of God."

From the book *Walk on Water - The Wisdom of Jesus*, by Hamza Yusuf

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