

This was contributed for our Apron Theme.

"APRON POCKETS"

I like aprons with pockets, don't you? I am always picking up stray items that need to be taken upstairs or down, small toys underfoot, bits of thread, small stones (evidence of two boys), and lists in my husband's handwriting that I can't throw away until I check them.

I've often thought that my mind must have apron pockets too. I pick up all sorts of random thoughts, reflections, inspirations, doubts, worries, and determinations during the day. At the end of the day I usually take my kitchen apron off and sort out whatever remains to be put in its place or thrown away. If I forget to do this I may be annoyed the next morning by a neglected pin or a bit of trash.

My mental apron pockets need emptying at the end of the day too. A lot of sorting out goes on during the day, but there are always a few leftovers. The leftover plan for the future or a memory of a happy surprise will not cause discomfort in the mental pocket, but tucked away worries, doubts, and angers have a way of becoming irritating before morning.

The Christian has a wonderful opportunity to empty mental pockets at the end of the day in prayer. God never intended for us to carry either fears or aspirations alone. All of these things can be put before him, and you and I can know the rest that comes only through Christ.

Prayer: Thank you, Father, for the privilege of emptying a tired mind before you. May I not try to carry today's burdens into tomorrow. Amen

Thanks to Mavis for submitting this:

Her note--

(We had two people wear an apron with things in the pockets and emptied the pockets out as someone read the story)

(Or you could have the person reading the story just wear an apron and empty the pockets at the end)

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