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Greek: katanoēō (kah ten nah AY o)

to observe fully: behold, consider, discover, perceive.

to fix one's eyes or mind upon

Matthew 10: 19-20

Do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Luke 12:12

The Holy Ghost will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.

Luke 12: 16-21 - The Parable of the Rich Fool

“The ground of a certain rich man produced an abundance. So he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, since I have nowhere to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and will build bigger ones, and there I will store up all my grain and my goods. Then I will say to myself, “You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take it easy. Eat, drink, and be merry!”’

But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be required of you. Then who will own what you have accumulated?’

This is how it will be for anyone who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich toward God.”

Luke 12: Do Not Worry

22 He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear...27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither weave nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

33 Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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This is the purpose of all true prayer, to be aware of what is already there, to simply pay attention.

"We are speaking of an attitude of the heart, one which approaches life with serene attentiveness, which is capable of being fully present to someone without thinking of what comes next, which accepts each moment as a gift from God to be lived to the full... (Jesus) was completely present to everyone and everything, and in this way, he showed us the way to overcome that unhealthy anxiety which makes us superficial, aggressive and compulsive consumers." - Pope Francis

The Pope refers to Jesus as a Way Shower and an Overcomer!

John 16:33

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.