

~FOOD POUCH (112)

- A bag, usually made of leather, carried over the shoulder by travelers, shepherds, farmers, and others. It was used for food, clothing, and other provisions, but it was not the same as the smaller girdle purse used for gold, silver, and copper coins.
- Do not procure gold or silver or copper for your girdle purses. (Matthew 10:9)
- Also, he gave them orders to carry nothing for the trip except a staff alone, no bread, no **food pouch**, no copper money in their girdle purses. (Mark 6:8)
- David's **shepherd's bag** was doubtless such a **food pouch**.
- And he proceeded to take his staff in his hand and to choose for himself the five smoothest stones from the torrent valley and to place them in his **shepherds bag** that served him as a receptacle, and in his hand was his sling. And he began approaching the Philistine. (1 Samuel 17:40)
- Jesus Christ, when sending out first the 12 apostles and then the 70 disciples to preach in Israel, told them not to carry **food pouches**.
- These twelve Jesus sent forth, giving them these orders; Do not go off into the road of the nations, and do not enter into a Samaritan city. (Matthew 10:5)
- Do not procure gold or silver or copper for your girdle purses. (Matthew 10:9)
- Or a **food pouch** for the trip, or two undergarments, or sandals or a staff, for the worker deserves his food. (Matthew 10:10)
- And he said to them; Carry nothing for the trip, neither staff nor **food pouch**, nor bread nor silver money, neither have two undergarments. (Luke 9:3)
- After these things the Lord designated seventy others and sent them forth by twos in advance of him into every city and place to which he himself was going to come. (Luke 10:1)

- Do not carry a purse, nor a **food pouch**, nor sandals, and do not embrace anybody in greeting along the road. (**Luke 10:4**)
- Yehowah would care for their needs through the hands of fellow Israelites, among whom hospitality was a custom. Just before his death Jesus indicated that circumstances would change as a result of official opposition, so he told his disciples to take along both purse and **food pouch**.
- Nevertheless, they were to seek first God's Kingdom instead of being anxious about material needs, thus they would give evidence that they depended upon Yehowah God to care for them in the ministry.
- He also said to them; When I sent you forth without purse and **food** pouch and sandals, you did not want for anything, did you? They said; No! (**Luke 22:35**)
- Then he said to them; But now let the one that has a purse take it up, likewise also a **food pouch**, and let the one having no sword sell his outer garment and buy one. (**Luke 22:36**)
- On this account I say to you; Stop being anxious about your souls as to what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your bodies as to what you will wear. Does not the soul mean more than **food** and the body than clothing? (**Matthew 6:25**)
- Observe intently the birds of heaven, because they do not sow seed or reap or gather into storehouses, still your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth more than they are? (**Matthew 6:26**)
- Who of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his life span? (**Matthew 6:27**)
- Also, on the matter of clothing, why are you anxious? Take a lesson from the lilies of the field, how they are growing, they do not toil, nor do they spin. (**Matthew 6:28**)
- But I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed as one of these. (**Matthew 6:29**)
- If, now, God thus clothes the vegetation of the field, which is

here today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much rather clothe you, you with little faith? (**Matthew 6:30**)

- So never be anxious and say; What are we to eat? Or; What are we to drink? Or; What are we to put on? (**Matthew 6:31**)
- For all these are the things the nations are eagerly pursuing. For your heavenly Father knows you need all these things. (**Matthew 6:32**)
- Keep on, then, seeking first the kingdom and his righteousness, and all these other things will be added to you. (**Matthew 6:33**)
- So, never be anxious about the next day, for the next day will have its own anxieties. Sufficient for each day is its own badness. (**Matthew 6:34**)