

Matthew 6:25-34

Remember the last three weeks we've examined the causes of anxiety: 1) having our treasure in the _____ place, 2) having our _____ on the wrong thing and 3) having the wrong kind of _____.

Worry is _____. Remember that guy who saw Jesus walking on water and tried to do it as well? He worried about Jesus..... That guy was _____. Yet, after he developed the right relationship with Jesus, Peter wrote "cast all your _____ on Him, because He cares for you."

It's a fascinating thing in our passage. Jesus is actually telling us to _____. He reasons with us regarding our fear. So, a vital weapon against anxiety is our _____. Romans 12:2. So, when Jesus says "do not be anxious..." in our passage, what does He mean? It carries the idea of "don't _____" but it can also mean "if you are worrying, _____ _____."

I. Look at the _____ of Life. 25-26

Anxiety tends _____ us. Jesus commands us not to worry about our lives, life in the fullest context. He tells us that God cares for our life as a

whole. If that's true, do you think He's concerned about the basic necessities as well? Consider Romans 8:32.

God feeds the birds. Are you more valuable than a bird to God? Surely, if he cares for a bird, He cares even more for you.

II. Look at the _____ of Life. 27

Jesus' point here is simple: Does worry add a single thing to your life? A inch to your height? A minute to your life span? A man may worry himself to _____ but not to a longer life.

The bottom line here: Your very life is in the _____ _____. He has designed it. You will everything you need to _____ _____ that purpose. Worry is a sign that you do not _____ know Him, or that you do not _____ Him, or have not _____ to Him as you ought. (Sinclair Ferguson). Anxiety comes when we want to take our lives out of the Father's hands. What Jesus is really teaching here is _____.

III. Look at the Generosity of God. 28-32

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Remember that the prodigal and his brother basically thought they were slaves for their father. The pharisees felt the same way. Consider the garden of Eden as well. Satan insinuated that God had not given Adam and Eve _____. Satan convinced them God kept them from _____. Human beings continue to doubt God's gracious provision and grace. Some are convinced that having a relationship with Jesus will keep them from a good time.

Jesus reminds them of birds, lilies, clothing and how something minor doesn't compare to the major. Meaning, if God has provided for birds, the beauty of a field of lilies, how much more has HE provided for you?

If clothes and plants make you happy, remember they are here today and gone _____. Why in heaven's name would you seek the _____ when you can seek the _____?

IV. Seek.....

- A. Seeking the Kingdom is to seek the KING, loving Him as Savior, Friend, LORD.
- B. Seeking the Kingdom is to pray for it, praying for Kingdom Causes.

- C. Seeking the Kingdom is to evangelize, seeking to make Him known, making His Kingdom known and having Him glorified as King throughout the earth.
- D. Seeking the Kingdom is to submit personally to God's reign by obeying Him, regardless of the cost.
- E. Seeking the Kingdom at work by pursuing wages and profits that please the King, regardless of the cost.
- F. Seeking the Kingdom means keeping an eye on social reforms and the justice God requires.
- G. Seeking the Kingdom is to pursue righteousness in public places as we can. Modeling godly behavior with our actions and our words.