

Don't Worry, Be Trusting

Matthew 6:25-34

- I. A Disciple's Characteristics: 8 Blessings** (5:1-12)
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 - A. Heavenly treasure rather than earthly treasure (19-21)
 - B. Eternal perspective rather than a temporal perspective (22-23)
 - C. Service to God rather than enslavement to money (24)
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Introduction: "Therefore, . . ."

A. Review: What did Jesus just say?

Faith is a way of . . .	Faith's Substance	Faith Governs	Faith's Impact	Faith's Commitments
Reliable Knowing	Theology	Beliefs	Confidence	
Realistic Seeing	World-View	Values	Clarity	
Responsive Acting	Ethics	Behavior	Contribution	
Relational Living	Life-Style	Affections	Communion	

B. A Nagging Question: If I stop "laying up earthly treasure," how will _____?

C. Hint: There is an important sequence in the _____ Prayer.

1. If we begin by seriously desiring the hallowing of God's name, the establishment of God's kingdom, and the enactment of God's will on the earth, we are then invited to pray,
2. The disciple who "lives out" his prayers for God's name, kingdom, and will by declaring his loyalty to God and his purposes can _____ in God for his _____.

I. A Prohibition: Do not worry about the _____ of life.

A. Qualifications to the Prohibition:

1. He is not forbidding _____ [KJV: "Take no thought . . ."]
2. He is not forbidding _____ (See Prov. 6-6-8)
3. He is forbidding _____ thought (See Luke 8:14; 10:40; Philippians 4:6)

B. Seven Reasons to Reject Worry

1. Worry is _____ (25): God can be counted on to _____
2. Worry is _____ (26): God's care of the birds is a reminder of his care for his _____.
3. Worry is _____ (27): Worry can't add _____ to our lives.
4. Worry is _____ (28-30): Worry betrays the _____ of our confidence in God.
5. Worry is _____ (31-32a): Worry is characteristic of _____ who have no trustworthy God.
6. Worry is " _____ " (32b): Worry forgets _____ who cares for us (1 Peter. 5:6-7).
7. Worry is _____ (34): It robs the present of the _____ needed to handle today's problems.

II. A Prescription: "Worry about God's _____ and God's _____" (33)

III. A Promise: "... and all these things will be added to you."

- A. God assumes responsibility to meet the _____ of those who are committed to his rule and his righteousness in their lives.
- B. Qualifications on the promise:
 1. The promise is not for _____.
 2. The promise does not guarantee _____.
 3. The promise does not exempt disciples from _____ their own _____ (2 Thes. 3:10).
 4. The promise does not exempt disciples from responsibility for _____ (Eph. 4:28).
 5. The promise does not exempt disciples from experiencing _____ (Mat. 10:29)

(To be continued . . .)