

Do Your Dollars Make Sense

Part 2: Worry Doesn't Work

For millions of Americans, the chief money related issue is their belief that they do not have enough money. Many people commit extraordinary amounts of mental, emotional, and physical energy to worrying about money, protecting their money, and seeking to acquire more money. For millions of other Americans, although they indisputably have enough money to live a comfortable and secure lifestyle, they believe their lives would be even more satisfying if they simply had more discretionary funds. They, too, spend countless hours mulling about the possibilities of becoming wealthier...Money, it seems, is often on our minds. (Barna)

TWO TRUTHS GOD TEACHES US CONCERNING WORRY

1. Worry is a Dead-End

Matthew 6:25 NLT

"That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life-whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing..."

Matthew 6:27

Can any one of you by worrying add a single moment to your life?

Matthew 6:32

These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs.

Matthew 6:24

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Romans 8:32 MSG.

If God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, **embracing** our condition and exposing himself to the worst by sending his own Son, **is there anything else he wouldn't gladly and freely do for us?**

2. God is Big Enough

2 MAIN REASONS WE WORRY ABOUT MONEY AND THINGS:

1. Experiences in our past.
2. Who we listen to/watch/read/and who we follow.

If we're trusting in money and "stuff" to make us happy and ascribing to money and things the supreme place that only belongs to God, **it means our view of God is small.**

Matthew 6:25 NLT

That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life-whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing...

Matthew 6:26 NLT

Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are?

Matthew 6:28-30

And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are.

And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?

Matthew 6:33 NLT

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.