

THE GRACE-GOVERNED LIFE
Dependent on What God Has Provided

PART 7

LIFTING THE WEIGHT OF WORRY
Embracing the Way of Faith and Freedom
(Matthew 6:25-34; Luke 12:22-34)

INTRODUCTION:

"Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down,
But a good word makes it glad."

—Proverbs 12:25

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD
And whose trust is the LORD.
For he will be like a tree planted by the water,
That extends its roots by a stream
And will not fear when the heat comes;
But its leaves will be green,
And it will not be anxious in a year of drought
Nor cease to yield fruit."

—Jeremiah 17:7, 8

PREVIOUSLY: FROM MATTHEW 6:19-24 - A SPIRITUAL EKG:

"... where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

—Matthew 6:21

- When I make my plans and manage my possessions with little or no regard for God and His kingdom, it is an indication that my values have been inverted and my vision has been impaired. This is worldliness.
- You cannot be both a committed materialist and a committed disciple.

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

—Matthew 6:24

THE TRANSITION:

"For this reason..."

—Matthew 6:25a

1A. THE _____ OF WORRY: (6:25a)

"...For this reason I say to you, 'Do not be worried about your life...'"

2A. THE _____ OF WORRY. (6:25b)

"...what you eat or what you drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on..."

"Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things."

—Luke 10:41

3A. THE _____ OF WORRY. (6:27)

"And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?"

4A. THE _____ OF WORRY. (6:26-32)

1B. Worry is a witness to an _____.

"Do not worry then... For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things..." (v. 31, 32)

2B. Worry is a witness to an _____.

"...You of little faith..." (v. 26-30)

5A. THE _____ FROM WORRY. (6:26-34)

1B. By faith, _____ your _____ to the _____.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness..."

2B. By faith, _____ on the _____ of the _____.

and the _____ of your _____.

"...if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you?" (v.30) "...for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things." (v. 32b)

3B. By faith, _____ in His _____ of the _____.

"Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow..."

CONCLUSION:

• In relation to the things of this temporal life,...

1. ...do not be _____ . (Luke 12:22-28)

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life,..."

2. ...do not be _____ . (Luke 12:29-31)

"And do not seek what you will eat and what you will drink,..."

3. ...do not be _____ . (Luke 12:32-34)

"Do not be afraid, little flock,..."

• Get a better _____.