

Sermon on the Mount – Lesson 9b November 20, 2022

Fast (6:16-18)

Fasting in the OT always was connected with _____ for sin and _____ of it.

The only fast commanded in the Bible is for the Day of _____.

Fasts were observed to mark the occasion of national _____ or mourning.

Gloomy face =

Neglect =

The hypocrites' fasting was not a matter of spiritual conviction, but a means of self-_____.

The reason the church fasts is to set aside the normal _____ of life in order to seek God's clear direction for our lives.

Treasures (6:19-24)

Treasures =

Jesus' point: What is the focus of your energy, attention and _____?

When we accumulate possessions simply for our own sakes—whether to hoard or to spend selfishly—those possessions become _____.

Heart =

Jesus is not saying that if we put our _____ in the right place our heart will then be in the right place, but that the _____ of our treasure indicates where our heart already is.

Clear =

If your heart is encumbered with _____ possessions, you become “blind” and insensitive to _____ concerns.

By definition, a slave owner has total _____ of a slave.

You can't have a _____ heart.

You are either a slave to the Lord God, or the god of _____.

The way you look at and use material possessions is a sure _____ of your spiritual condition.

Worry (6:25-34)

Anxious =

Root meaning of the English word 'worry' =

Worry / anxiety is sin for two reasons:

1. It is a _____ of God.
2. It is a lack of acceptance of God's _____ in our lives.

Jesus is saying that the fullness of life is more than just taking care of the _____.

Reality check: If God has given you the gifts of physical life and eternal life, do you think He is now suddenly going to deny Himself and His own eternal plan, and not see to it that your life is sustained and enabled to continue until His purpose for you is complete?

The verb tense of 'feeds them' indicates that *at the very* _____ Jesus was telling them to look at the birds of the air, the Father was _____ them!

If God so carefully takes care of such relatively *insignificant* creatures as birds, how much more will He take care of those who are created in His own _____ and who have become His _____ through faith?

Jesus' second illustration, in [v. 27](#), has to do with life _____.

_____ in a Christian is always due to lack of faith, or little faith.

To be of 'little faith' means that we are mastered by our _____ instead of mastering them.

If I worry about the same things that people who don't know _____ worry about, then I am really living and behaving like a _____ person.

If you want to be anxious about anything, be anxious about your _____ condition, your _____ to God and your relationship to Him.

Worrying about the future _____ you in the present.