

## 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.