



City On a Hill 16

Matthew 6:25-34





Mat 5:13-16 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. (14) Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill **cannot** be hid. (15) Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. (16) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.



By way of review...

- Identity-
Ambassadors
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Foundations

Take no Thought



- **Mat 6:25** Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?
 - Therefore... Because you cannot serve two masters, choose one. And since you choose God (Assumption made) Take no thought.
 - Do not be anxious.
- Should we neglect all thought of gain fully depending on God for all supply become devoted to prayer and the work?
- Should we starve in pursuit of God?
- Should we neglect the production of goods and needs and relegate that effort solely to faith and trust?
- If we are productive then are we somehow sidestepping God's provision and demonstrating a lack of faith?

God desires us to be productive.

- **The Ant:** Pro 6:6-8 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: (7) Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, (8) Provideth her meat in the summer, *and* gathereth her food in the harvest.
- **The Proverbs 31 Woman:** Seeketh wool and flax, Brings Food from afar, rises early to care for those in her house, considers and buys fields, plants vineyards, girds her loins with strength, can properly asses merchandise and its value, lamps are filled with oil, weaves and makes garments and cares for the poor. That's just the first half.
- **1Ti 5:8** But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.
- Pretty safe to say God does not want us sitting about praying for Him to provide for us, He desires for us to be industrious and productive.



What is God saying?



- Not making a case to sit around a pray for provision, there are times when that is required. But when it is in our power to be productive God can provide through our labor, not only for ourselves but for others as well.
- God is not calling for us to become spiritual welfare recipients.
- Ever since the garden man has had to earn his way by the sweat of his brow.
- So what exactly are we talking about here?

All of the Basics

- **Mat 6:25** Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?
- **Thought-** μεριμνάω, *merimnaō*, *mer-im-nah'-o* (strong) to be *anxious* about, (Thayer) to be troubled with cares, to seek to promote one's interests, caring or providing for.
- Specifically for food, water, and clothing. All of the things you need to , you know, not die.
- Couple this with God's desire for us to be productive then it turns into something like.
- "Do not worry about what you will have tomorrow, be content with what you have even if giving what you have means having nothing at the end of the day."
- Casting away desire for more, content with what we have.



Consider these...



- Mat 6:26-30 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? (27) Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? (28) And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: (29) And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. (30) Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith?

Therefore, Take no Thought...

- **Mat 6:31-32** Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (32) (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
- **Mat 6:33** But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
 - Ministrations of the Gospel
 - Care for those that are oppressed and in need.
 - Bearing the burdens of one another.
 - Never let our concerns for tomorrow interfere with these things even if doing these things makes us broke for today.
- **Mat 6:34** Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.



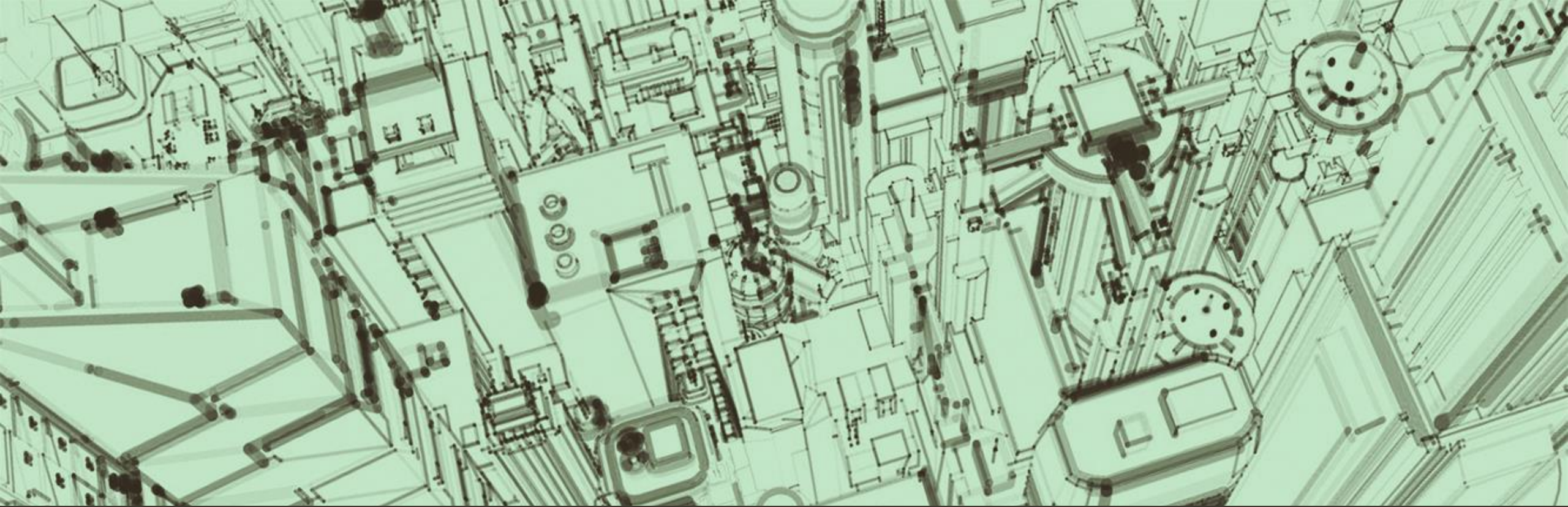
A person is kneeling in a field of tall grass, their back to the camera. Their arms are raised high, hands open, towards a bright sun that is partially obscured by a large, dark, dramatic cloud. The sun creates a strong lens flare effect. The sky is filled with various shades of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is one of awe, hope, and spiritual connection.

Sum it up...

It is all about our hearts, and who we serve.

Hear and Do...

This is how we are light.



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