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SEEK...

“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? **26** 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?** **27** Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? **28** ‘And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field

Matthew 6:25-34 (NLT)

and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, **29** yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. **30** 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? **31** "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?'" **32** These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but **your**

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heavenly Father already knows all your needs. 33
Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live
righteously, and he will give you everything you need.
34 ‘So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will
bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for
today.’”

Matthew 6:25-34 (NLT)

A scenic landscape of mountains and a forest under a bright sky, with a cave opening visible at the top. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The mountains are layered, with the foreground being dark and silhouetted, and the background being bright and hazy. The forest is dense and green, covering the slopes of the mountains. The cave opening at the top is dark and shadowed, with some stalactites visible. The overall mood is peaceful and majestic.

We Need to Concern Ourselves with

THE **KINGDOM** OF GOD



Our Prayers Sound Like a Shopping List:

- “Provide this...”
- “Bless that...”
- “Give me this...”
- “Make sure such and such happens on my behalf...”



Jesus Was Surrounded by People with Huge Felt Needs

Matthew 6:25 (NIV84) — “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?”

A golden wheat field at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the field. A white arc is visible in the sky above the field.

What IS

*an Eternal
Perspective?*



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- Recognizing what we do in present has eternal consequences

TO TALK ABOUT WORRY



JESUS TALKED ABOUT MONEY



worry

- to be anxious
- fear of the future
- fear of the unknown



Jesus Talked About TWO Areas of Need:

1. Critical Needs

- pertains to survival
- ie – eating and drinking



Jesus Talked About TWO Areas of Need:

1. Critical Needs

- pertains to survival
- ie – eating and drinking

2. Non-Critical Needs

- your body
- pertaining to your looks

Matthew 6:25 (NLT) — “... Isn't life more than food,
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WHAT IS



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ALL ABOUT?



1. BIRDS OF THE AIR

- Represent CRITICAL needs
- Our Heavenly Father feeds them
- God cares about YOU more!

Matthew 6:27 (NLT) — “Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?”



2. LILIES OF THE FIELD

- NON-CRITICAL needs
- Not about survival, but appearance
- God is an EXPERT at making things look GREAT!
- **God is not VANILLA!**



God is ***EXTRAVAGANT!***

Matthew 6:30 (NLT) — “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?**”

The Problem:

We Don't Trust Him.

Matthew 6:32 (NLT) — “**These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers**, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs.”

**Uncertainty Provides an
Opportunity for Believers
to Shine.**



**GOD KNOWS EXACTLY
WHAT YOU NEED,**

**Matthew 6:25 (NLT) — “...Isn't life more than food,
and your body more than clothing?”**

Matthew 6:33 (NIV84) — “But **seek first his kingdom** and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”



seek

- (Does not mean “to look for”)
- To concern yourself with
- To focus on

SEEK FIRST

The Kingdom





SEEK

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**FIRST HIS
RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Matthew 6:33 (NLT) — “Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, **and live righteously**, and he will give you everything you need.”

Is ANYONE Concerned with God's Kingdom?



Priorities:

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- God's Agenda, Not Ours

Priorities:

Make the SWAP.

**What do
we do?**



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Pray...

Remember...

Seek...