

"NO WORRIES!"

Luke 12:22-34 - Pastor Bruce French

Pop Quiz: True or False

1. Drinking alcohol is a sin. T or F
2. Coveting another's possession is a sin. T or F
3. Worshipping an idol is a sin. T or F
4. Getting angry is a sin. T or F
5. Being worried is a sin. T or F

Take Home Truth

Seeking the _____ resolves the _____ of worry.

Luke 12:30-31

How do we successfully seek?

1. Seeking begins with acknowledging God's _____.

Luke 12:22-29

Action...

- List God's _____.
- Note God's _____.

2. Seeking continues with investing in God's _____.

Luke 12:32-34

Action...

- Invest in God's _____.
- Invest in God's _____.

Today's Core Virtue:

Peace: I am free of anxiety because things are right between God, others and myself.

(from Philippians 4:6-7)

Today's Action:

Complete the stated actions in the outline.



Deeper Connection Study

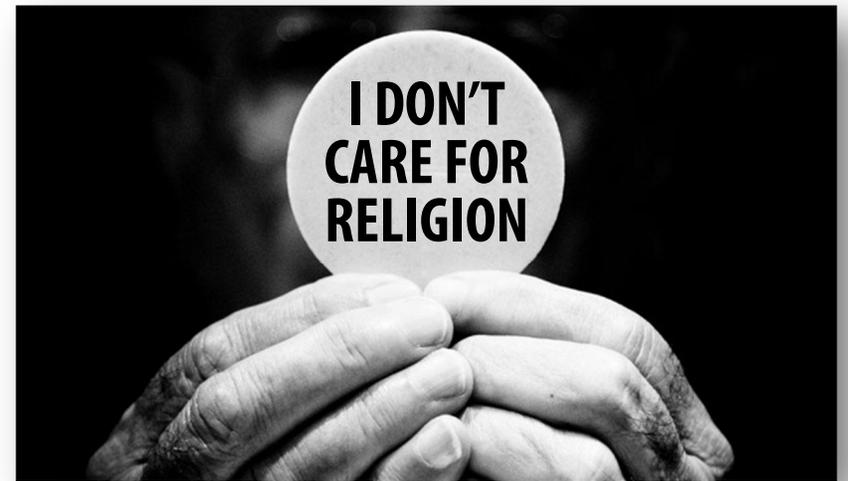
Jesus moves from his negative example about money (v. 15) to offering a corrective to the believer's relationship with possessions (vv. 22-34). In this scene, he is addressing worry and how it casts doubt on God's care for us. He focuses on issues of the heart to enable us to see God's perspective.

Today's Core Belief discussed: Stewardship.

Read Luke 12:22-34

1. Why do people worry about life (vv. 22-26; cf. Matt. 6:25-28)? What does Jesus say about the Father's concern and provision for his followers (vv. 27-31; cf. Matt. 6:29-32)?
2. What does it mean to "seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you" (v. 31; cp. Matt. 6:33)? Is there a promise attached to this? What motivates you to wholeheartedly seek God?
3. Why are finances/possessions *the* major obstacle to our trust in God (cf. Prov. 30:7-9; Mk. 10:23; I Tim. 6:6-10)?
4. Describe the difference between earthly treasures and heavenly treasures (vv. 33-34; cf. Matt. 6:19-21). What do each represent (cf. Mk. 10:21)?
5. How much time, energy, and passion do you dedicate to your heavenly treasures?
6. How can you become a more effective steward of God's resources? How does/should contentment in God and his provisions help you operate in his kingdom economy (cf. Phil. 4:11-13)?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Pray for an undivided heart that fully worships, trusts, and obeys Jesus Christ. Ask God to help you be an effective steward of the resources he has entrusted to you. Praise God for his provision and care for you.



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In the previous passage, Jesus warned his disciples about finding comfort in their possessions rather than God. Because that incorrect priority creates chaos in a person's life, Jesus then moved to speaking about the pitfalls of worry and anxiety in the life of the believer.

As you prepare to study this passage, consider a number of assertions regarding the state of worry: 1) Worry is a transcendent condition. It crosses time, generations, genders, race and socio-economic classes. 2) Worry is an inclusive condition. It can encompass issues like money, health, relationships, family, protection, time and death. 3) Worry is an irrational condition. Worry is based upon subjective opinion regarding the unknown and events that more than likely will not take place. 4) Worry is a powerless condition. The act of worrying cannot increase one's life span. 5) Worry is a common condition. At one time or another every person has succumbed to worry.

How about you, what have you been worrying about lately, and have you noticed the energy it requires? If so, then listen to what Christ has to say about it.

