

The Danger of Worry

Read Matthew 6:19-34.

Notice this:

Verses 19-21 urge us to store up treasures for yourself in heaven, not on earth.

What you invest on earth will disappear.

What you invest in heaven will last forever.

Then verse 24 warns us that we cannot invest our lives in both God and money.

We will inevitably, unavoidably
serve one and
disappoint the other.

Notice that the passage urging us not to worry, verses 25-34, begins with THEREFORE or FOR THIS REASON.

In other words, we should not worry about
food or
clothing

because it focuses our energies in the
wrong direction.

Worry turns our lives toward what is
shallow and
short-term.

Worry becomes idolatry,
causing us to serve and trust
what will inevitably let us down.

Worry is useless,
for it is powerless to meet our needs.

Worry denies the
unfailing love and
absolute faithfulness of
our heavenly Father.

Jesus then beautifully summarizes His point in v.33:

Seek first the His Kingdom and His righteousness,

[Concentrate on furthering God's purposes in this world]

and all these things

[the physical necessities of life]

will be added to you

[God will always, unfailingly provide for His people.]

All this is not intended to load guilt on us.

It is a loving reminder,
a tender promise,
that all God's unimaginable blessings
come to us as we learn to
simply
trust
Him.

Hymn: [Our Daily Bread](#)

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