

Women in the Word
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Matthew 6:22-30 (ESV)
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Consider Your Ways

Review

Matthew 6:19-21

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Reflect

What are my treasures?

The Eyes Have It

Matthew 6:22-23

“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!”

Reflect

What sparks joy? See Acts 4-5 and the story of Ananias and Sapphira.

Choose Whom (or What) You Will Serve **Matthew 6:24**

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

Reflect

Whom (or what) do you serve? See Matthew 19:16-30, the story of a rich young man.

What commandment had the rich young man broken? See Exodus 20:3.

What, Me Worry?

Matthew 6:25-30

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?”

“Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”

“And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?”

Reflect

When do we have *enough*? For historical perspective, see **Haggai 1:4-6** regarding the rebuilding of the temple:

“Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?”

“Now, therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.

“Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways.”

Preview

Matthew 6:31-34

“Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

When You're Feeling Anxious

<p>Philippians 4:6</p> <p>(D)o not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.</p>	<p>John 14:27</p> <p>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.</p>	<p>I Peter 5:6-7</p> <p>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.</p>
<p>Jeremiah 29:11-12 (NIV)</p> <p>“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.”</p>	<p>Matthew 6:25</p> <p>Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?</p>	<p>Psalms 23:4</p> <p>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.</p>
<p>Romans 8:31-32</p> <p>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?</p>	<p>Isaiah 41:10</p> <p>(F)ear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.</p>	<p>Joshua 1:9</p> <p>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.</p>
<p>Psalms 34:4</p> <p>I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.</p>	<p>Psalms 56:3</p> <p>When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.</p>	<p>I Thessalonians 3:16</p> <p>Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.</p>