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THE FEAR OF HAVING NOTHING

Luke 12:22-34

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1. Don't Worry, _____ (vv.22-28)

A. Believe _____ (vv.22-24)

B. Believe _____ (vv.25-26)

C. Believe _____ (vv.27-28)

2. Don't Worry, _____ (vv.29-34)

A. Work _____ (vv.29-30)

B. Work _____ (vv.31-32)

C. Work _____ (vv.33-34)

Luke 12:22 And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. **23** For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. **24** Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! **25** And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? **26** If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? **27** Consider the lilies, 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. **28** But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! **29** And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. **30** For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. **31** Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. **32** "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. **33** Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. **34** For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalms 139:1-18**. In what situations are you prone to forget these fundamental assertions of the Bible? Why are these truths so important to revisit when you are tempted to worry or be anxious?
2. Read **Luke 11:11-13**. Why is it hard for Christians to accept that God's provision is "good" and more than adequate when it is not what we have asked for? How do these verses help in those situations?
3. Read **Hebrews 13:5-6**. In what practical ways has God proved that his "help" is better than just having more money or the stuff that money can buy?
4. Read **Philippians 4:6-7**. What kind of requests, and for what should we be thankful when we are tempted to be anxious?
5. Read **2 Corinthians 8:1-8**. What are some of the advantages of excelling in generosity? What will you do this week to make progress in this aspect of your sanctification?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

January 17th

Gen. 41 & Mt. 13:1-32

January 18th

Gen. 42-43 & Mt. 13:33-58

January 19th

Gen. 44-45 & Mt. 14:1-21

January 20th

Gen. 46-48 & Mt. 14:22-36

January 21st

Gen. 49-50 & Mt. 15:1-20

January 22nd

Ex. 1-3 & Mt. 15:21-39

January 23rd

Ex. 4-6 & Mt. 16

January 24th

Ex. 7-8 & Mt. 17

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 16-01 – ***The Fear of Not Having Enough***

Msg. 09-03 – ***The Unfailing Promises of God's Word***

Msg. 07-21 – ***Trusting God When Your Back's Against the Wall***

Msg. 07-18 – ***Trusting God When Hope Seems Lost***

Msg. 06-27 – ***Abraham: A Fascinating Template of Promises & Faith***

Msg. 06-04 – ***Working & Trusting to Prove the Reality of My Faith***

Msg. 12-39 – ***The Wealth of Those Who Don't Seem to Have Much***

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

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For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Adams, Jay. ***What Do You Do When You Worry All The Time?*** P & R Publishing, 1975.

Alcorn, Randy. ***Managing God's Money: A Biblical Guide***. Tyndale House, 2011.

Bonar, Horatius. ***The Word of Promise: A Handbook to the Promises of Scripture***. ATS, 1865.

Johnson, Barbara. ***Stick a Geranium in Your Hat and Be Happy***. Word Publishing, 1990.

Lane, Timothy. ***Living Without Worry: How to Replace Anxiety with Peace***. The Good Book Company, 2015.

Lloyd-Jones, Martyn. ***Spiritual Depression: Its Causes and Cure***. Eerdmans, 1965.

Mack, Wayne A. ***It's Not Fair! Finding Hope When Times are Tough***. P & R Publishing, 2008.

Michael, Sally. ***God's Promise*** [a children's book]. P & R Publishing, 2012.

Petty, James C. ***When the Money Runs Out***. New Growth Press, 2009.

Powlison, David. ***Worry: Pursuing a Better Path to Peace***. P & R Publishing, 2004.

Rose Publishing. ***Bible Promises of Hope and Courage***. Rose Publishing, Inc., 2006.

Scott, Stuart. ***Anger, Anxiety and Fear: A Biblical Perspective***. Focus Publishing, 2009.

Swindoll, Charles. ***Laugh Again***. Word Publishing, 1991.

Wiersbe, Warren W. ***Prayer, Praise & Promises: A Daily Walk Through the Psalms***. Baker Books, 2013.

Witmer, Timothy J. ***Mindscape: What to Think About Instead of Worrying***. New Growth Press, 2014.