

Putting Worry in Perspective

Sunday, March 29th – Speaker: Mike Hannah

Big Idea: The biggest danger of worry is how it can keep us from trusting God and seeking first His Kingdom.

Luke 12:22 Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. **23** Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. **24** Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! **25** Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life ? **26** Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

27 "Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. **28** If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! **29** And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. **30** For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. **31** But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. **33** Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. **34** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every thing, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. **7** And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

1 Timothy 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. **7** For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. **8** But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. **9** Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. **10** For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Three Things to Remember

It's a waste of time. vs 25 "add a single hour"

It won't make a difference. vs 26 "cannot do this very little thing"

I'll be acting like someone who doesn't believe in God. vs 30 "pagan"

Two Things to Believe

God cares about me and I'm valuable to Him. vs 24 "how much more valuable"

God knows my needs and has my back. vs 30 "your Father knows you need them"

One Thing to Do

Put God first believing that He will provide all that is needed. vs 31 "seek His kingdom"