

The Disciple's Pursuits

Matthew 6:25-34

25 “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? **26** 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? **27** And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? **28** And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, **29** yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. **30** 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? **31** Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ **32** For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. **33** But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. **34** “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

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?
Romans 8:32

Observations:

Worry is...

- _____. The rest of God’s creation does not worry, but God provides for them. Will he not do the same for us.
- _____. It will not add an inch to your height or a hour to your life. It is more likely to shorten life than prolong it.
- _____. Worrying makes us look like the heathen, and it destroys our witness.

Jesus’ disciples are not simply to _____ from the pursuit of temporal things, they are to _____ those pursuits with goals of far greater significance.

Application

To seek first the kingdom is to desire above all to enter into it, submit to it, and participate in spreading the news of it.

Following Christ means that you know you have a _____, who knows your _____, and who is _____.

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