

The Peace of Christmas

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Matthew 6:25-34 - ²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” (NIV)



Stop Worrying

- A Command
- An Argument

Romans 8:32 - *He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? (NIV)*

- An Illustration
 - Look at the birds - worry is unnecessary
 - Look at yourself - worry is unavailing
 - Look at the flowers - worry is unbecoming

If God gives you the greater gifts, He will also give you the lesser gifts.

Live For Something Greater

- Jesus tells us the bottom line of “worry” is an issue of faith. In some way, worrying is a spiritual issue.
- Jesus tells us that if we will live for His Kingdom, than life will have its proper order.
- The essence of your life tends to resemble what you are living for.

