


Disciples are to avoid worry and anxiety over possessions

Luke 12:22-34


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The danger of greed is reason to avoid worry about material needs

- **Luke 12:22, 23**

And He said to His disciples, "For this reason I say to you, do not worry about your life, as to what you will eat; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing."



A lesser to greater argument

- **Luke 12:24**

Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap; they have no storeroom nor barn, and yet God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds!



The futility of worry

■ **Luke 12:25, 26**

And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life's span? If then you cannot do even a very little thing, why do you worry about other matters?



God will care for disciples

■ **Luke 12:27, 28**

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; but I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will He clothe you? You men of little faith!



The Father cares for disciples

■ **Luke 12:29, 30**

And do not seek what you will eat and what you will drink, and do not keep worrying. For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things.

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For disciples, the kingdom has
priority over possessions


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But seek His kingdom, and these things
will be added to you.

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Disciples are Jesus' flock and are assured
participation in the Messianic kingdom


- **Luke 12:32**
Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father
has chosen gladly to give you the
kingdom.

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Disciples must have a correct
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
- **Luke 12:33, 34**
Sell your possessions and give to charity;
make yourselves money belts which do
not wear out, an unfailing treasure in
heaven, where no thief comes near nor
moth destroys. For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.

 Applications and Implications

- 1) Prayer will help us stop worrying
- 2) Understand the church as Jesus' little flock
- 3) Understand the doctrine of the kingdom of God

 1) Prayer will help us stop worrying

- **Luke 11:3**
Give us each day our daily bread.
- **Philippians 4:6**
Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

 1) Prayer will help us stop worrying

- **1Peter 5:6, 7**
Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.



2) Understand the church as Jesus' little flock

■ **Isaiah 40:11**

Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, In His arm He will gather the lambs, And carry them in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing ewes.



2) Understand the church as Jesus' little flock

■ **John 10:11**

I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

■ **John 10:16**

And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they shall hear My voice; and they shall become one flock with one shepherd.



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■ **1Peter 2:24, 25**

and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.



3) Understand the doctrine of the kingdom of God

■ **2Samuel 7:12, 13**

When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.



3) Understand the doctrine of the kingdom of God

■ **2Samuel 7:16**


“Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.”



3) Understand the doctrine of the kingdom of God


■ **Acts 2:34, 35**

For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand, Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.’”

 3) Understand the doctrine of the kingdom of God


■ **John 3:3**

Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

 3) Understand the doctrine of the kingdom of God

■ **Matthew 13:40, 41**

So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness,

 3) Understand the doctrine of the kingdom of God

■ **Revelation 11:15**

Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."



3) Understand the doctrine of the kingdom of God

■ **Revelation 20:6**

Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.



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