THE GOSPEL OF LUKE CONTROLL OF LUKE CONT

THAT YOU MAY HAVE CERTAINTY

Do Not Be Anxious Luke 12:22-34

²²And 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.

²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

1: Life is about more than our material needs (vss. 22-23)

²⁴Consider 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!

2: If God provides for the birds, He'll certainly take care of your needs (vs. 24)

²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest?

3: Worrying doesn't accomplish anything (vss. 25-26)

²⁷Consider 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.

²⁸But 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!

4: If God clothes the lilies of the field, He will certainly take care of your needs (vss. 27-28)

5: When we are anxious about our basic needs, we are demonstrating a lack of trust in God (vs. 28)

²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried.

³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

6: Those who don't have a relationship with God worry about these things, but God knows what His children need (vss. 29-30)

³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

Seek the Kingdom of God instead of being anxious about these things. If you do, you get the Kingdom and all these things (vs. 31)

32"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

³³Sell 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.

³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

God is going to give us the Kingdom and all we need, so we can live generous lives and show our focus is on Him and His priorities (vss. 32-34)

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