

Living without Anxiety/Stress/Worry/Fear

Luke 12:22-34

Theme: Christians are commanded to overcome worry, fear, anxiety & stress.

FCF: These are normal responses to our 'uncertain' world and the circumstances that arise because of living in this world!

Context: Remember the point of Jesus' command is connected to the context of his conversation. While teaching, a man interrupted Jesus demanding He command his brother to share the family inheritance with him(vs 13-15) . He was completely consumed with material possessions.

Jesus tells a story about a 'rich fool' to expose his materialism (vs 16-21). But if a person lives without God then they will be preoccupied with these things.

Note: 3 times Jesus says . . . verse 22 . . . verse 29verse 32

People are Stressed Out! Our world is engulfed in anxiety!

1) You Exist for God's G_____ - Not to consume food & decorate your body! Vs. 22-23

Worry fails to understand God's purpose for your life!

2) God provides for the animal kingdom and _____ Himself to provide for His children. Vs. 24

Secondly, worry fails to understand divine provision

3. God determines the _____ of your life. Vs. 25

4. God exposes our anxieties as ' _____ faith'. Vs. 27-28

Jesus uses the typical Hebrew argument from the smallest to the greatest. Lillies to Solomon. . .

5. God is our F_____. Vs. 29-32

Worry fails to understand the paternity of God.

Conclusion: All of the material things in our world are used to reveal our inner sins! And God wants to deal with the sin within! God says to us “What is it about ME that you do not trust?”

Do not make these things the ‘pursuit of your life’. Don’t live as if there is not a generous, benevolent God who provides for all these things.