

**“Love God or Money”  
Matthew 6:24 – 34**

**Big Idea – Loving God removes the stress of worrying about money.**

Matthew 6:24 “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

25 “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing?

26 Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him than they are?

27 Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?

28 “And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing,

29 yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are.

30 And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?

31 “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’

32 These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs.

33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

34 “So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

**What loving money gets you – 1 Timothy 6:9, 10**

1 Timothy 6:9 “Those who want to become rich bring temptation to themselves and are caught in a trap. They want many foolish and harmful things that ruin and destroy people.

10 The love of money causes all kinds of evil. Some people have left the faith,

because they wanted to get more money, but they have caused themselves much sorrow.”

Falling into temptations and harmful traps

Evil (ungodliness and sin), potential of losing faith, sorrows

Fears, anxiety, stress and depression

Proverbs 12:25 “Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad.”

Hosea 7:14 They lie there sleepless with anxiety but won't ask my help. Instead, they worship heathen gods, asking them for crops and for prosperity.

Ecclesiastes 2:22 So what do people get in this life for all their hard work and anxiety?

2:23 Their days of labor are filled with pain and grief; even at night their minds cannot rest. It is all meaningless.

24 So I decided there is nothing better than to enjoy food and drink and to find satisfaction in work. Then I realized that these pleasures are from the hand of God.

25 For who can eat or enjoy anything apart from him?

## **What loving God gets you – Matthew 6:24 - 34**

### **1. Freedom from worry, anxiety, fear**

1 John 4:16 “...we know the love that God has for us, and we trust that love. God is love. Those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

17 This is how love is made perfect in us: that we can be without fear on the day God judges us, because in this world we are like him.

18 Where God's love is, there is no fear, because God's perfect love drives out fear.”

Fear produces worry, anxiety and stress -vss. 25, 28, 30, 31

Fear and faith can't co-exist in your heart at the same time.

Little faith is shown by anxiety and worry about things.

### **2. Right priorities – vs. 25 life is more than food and clothes**

Matthew 6:25 “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing?”

Luke 12:15 15 Then Jesus said to them, “Be careful and guard against all kinds of greed. Life is not measured by how much one owns.”

Ecclesiastes 2:24 So I decided there is nothing better than to enjoy food and drink and to find satisfaction in work. Then I realized that these pleasures are from the hand of God.

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### **3. Proper understanding of our value to God**

vs. 26 – worth more to God than the birds he feeds

vs. 30 – worth more to God than the flowers of the fields

Big faith is shown by trusting God and not worrying.

He knows everything we need – Philippians 4:19

### **4. Faith that trusts God for:**

**Things** – vs. 32

**Tomorrow** – vs. 34

**Today** - vs. 33

### **5. Freedom to put God first**

Matthew 22:37 Jesus said, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’

38 This is the first and most important command.

39 And the second command is like the first: ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself.’

**J**esus **O**thers **Y**ourself

God first

People second.

Things last.

Psa. 34:9 Let the LORD'S people show him reverence, for those who honor him will **have all they need** 10 .Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but **those who trust in the LORD will never lack any good thing.**