

Defeating Worry (Luke 12:16-34)

Need Direction? – Part 9

Life Church St. Louis – October 19, 2014

Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

Philippians 4:6 (NLT) Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

1. How to make _____ decisions

Luke 12:16-17 (NIV) And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

1A. Don't seek to please _____

Luke 12:18-19 (NIV) "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

1B. _____ yourself to God

Luke 12:20-21 (NIV) "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

2. Don't _____ about yourself

Luke 12:22-23 (NIV) Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes.

2A. _____ God will take care of you

Luke 12:24 (NIV) Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!

2B. Seek to _____ God first

Luke 12:31 (NIV) But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

3. Don't be _____ of the future

Luke 12:32 (NIV) "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

3A. Lay up _____ in heaven

Luke 12:33 (NIV) Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

3B. Your heart will be _____

Luke 12:34 (NIV) For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Defeating Worry (Luke 12:16-34) Study Guide

Need Direction? – Part 9

Life Church St. Louis – October 19, 2014

Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

Intro. How big a problem do you think worry and anxiety are in people's lives today? Is the problem of worry increasing or decreasing?

What are the biggest things that people worry about?

What does the Bible tell us is the solution to worry (Philippians 4:6)?

In what ways is worry caused by self-centeredness?

1A. What was wrong with the rich man's approach to making a decision (Luke 12:16-17)?

1B. What do you think was wrong with the rich man's decision (Luke 12:18-19)?

1C. What does it mean to be "rich toward God" (Luke 12:20-21)?

1D. In what areas of our lives are we tempted to be like the rich fool?

2A. How does Jesus' teaching on worry connect with the parable of the rich fool (Luke 12:22-23)? In what ways did the rich fool's worries drive his wrong decision?

2B. How does Jesus' examples of the ravens and the lilies encourage you to trust God for your needs (Luke 12:25-30)?

2C. Describe what it means to seek God's kingdom (Luke 12:31).

2D. In what ways can you seek God's kingdom, even as you work to provide for your family?

3A. How does Jesus' promise in Luke 12:32 alleviate fear?

3B. How is laying up treasure in heaven the key to defeating worry (Luke 12:33)?

3C. Explain the contrasting hearts of the rich fool with treasure in his barns and those who lay up treasure in heaven *Luke 12:34).

3D. In America, the foremost issue that people worry about is money. How can putting God first by tithing 10% of your income defeat worry?

3E. What areas of worry in your own life do you need to trust God more in?