

Eliminate Worry with Right Priorities

Kingdom Principles – Part 2

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Luke 12:33 (ESV) Sell 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.

Philippians 4:6a (ESV) Do not be anxious about anything,

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

1. Do not be _____ about your life

Luke 12:22-23 (ESV) And 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. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

Luke 12:24 (ESV) Consider 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!

Luke 12:27-28 (ESV) Consider 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. But 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!

Luke 12:29-30 (ESV) And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

2. Seek God’s _____ in your life

Luke 12:31-32 (ESV) Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

3. Live in light of _____

Luke 12:35-36 (ESV) “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks.

Luke 12:37-38 (ESV) Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants!

Luke 12:39-40 (ESV) But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Weekly Healing Scripture

Numbers 16:47-48 (ESV) So Aaron took it [the censer] as Moses said and ran into the midst of the assembly. And behold, the plague had already begun among the people. And he put on the incense and made atonement for the people. And he stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was stopped.

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Intro. Why do you think that worry and stress are at very high levels in America at the present time?

What opportunities do these high stress levels give to believers?

How should a believer deal with the temptation to be anxious (Philippians 4:6)?

What does worry have to do with a person's faith level?

1A. What is Jesus' reason why you should not be anxious (Luke 12:22-23)?

1B. What lesson does Jesus want us to learn from the raven (Luke 12:24)?

1C. What kingdom principle do the lilies teach us (Luke 12:27-28)?

1D. According to Jesus, how are believers to be different from unbelievers (Luke 12:29-30)?

1E. How could you apply Jesus' teaching to eliminate worry in your life?

2A. Why would seeking God's kingdom as a life priority help you overcome worry (Luke 12:31-32)?

2B. What does laying up treasure in heaven have to do with eliminating worry (Like 12:33)?

2C. How is the location of your treasure aligned with your heart location (Luke 12:34)?

2D. How could you increase in seeking the kingdom in your life?

3A. In what ways should we be ready and prepared for Jesus' return (Luke 12:35-36)?

3B. What is the difference between being awake or asleep in Jesus' parable (Luke 12:37-38)?

3C. What impact should the unexpected timing of Jesus' return have on our lives (Luke 12:38=9-40)?

3D. How can focusing on eternity help you have right priorities here and now?