

PRIORITY

KEYS TO THE KINGDOM

MATT 6:25-34
THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

"Do not worry ..." (?)

Luke 8:14
Luke 10:38-42
Phil 4:6-7

Keys to the Kingdom

Introduction	Prayer - 6:5-15
Attitude - 5:1-12	Self-Denial - 6:16-18
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Love - 5:43-48	Obedience - 7:15-23
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Such worry...

majors in minors.

Mt 6:25 "For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"

"Therefore I say to you ..."

Because of the **Vault** – 6:19-21.

Where you choose (not) to invest.

Because of the **Lens** – 6:22-23.

How you choose (not) to focus.

Because of the **Throne** – 6:24.

Whom you choose (not) to serve.

Luke 12:22-34

Such worry...

confuses source and means.

Mt 6:26a "Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them."

Such worry...

misses our value to God.

Mt 6:26b "Are you not worth much more than they?"

Such worry...

denies God's providence.

Mt 6:30 "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you?"

Such worry...

cannot change the outcome.

Mt 6:27 "And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?"

Such worry...

reflects doubt, not trust.

Mt 6:30 "... You of little faith!"

Such worry...

overlooks the flowers.

Mt 6:28 "And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, **29** yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these."

Such worry...

befits Gentiles, not children.

Mt 6:31 "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' **32** For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things."

Such worry...

distracts us from what's first.

Mt 6:33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Define your anxiety.

Its cause.
Its worth.
Its effects.
Your responsibility.
Your options.
Your faith.

Such worry...

borrowing tomorrow's troubles.

Mt 6:34 "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Take quiet time to pray, read.
Rest, recreate, and reconcile.
Use your talents to glorify God.
Stop and stretch.
Talk with a godly friend.

Go to God, who is in control.
Organize, prioritize, and lessen.
Don't resort to fake, temporary fixes.

Jesus' teaching on worry ...

Does not prevent us from working to earn our own living, planning ahead, providing for others, and experiencing want and trouble.

Does place our focus where it should be, so that we can accomplish ...

God's goals in God's way to God's glory.