

**Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"**  
**"My God Will Supply"**  
**Luke 12:22-34**  
**Study-54**

Our English word **Worry** - comes from an old Anglo-Saxon word that means "to strangle"

**Note what Jesus says about worry!**

**Verse 22** do not worry about your life,

**Verse 29** and do not keep worrying.

**Verse 32** "Do not be afraid, little flock,

**Context** - Jesus had just spoken about Greed.

**Greed** – *you can never get enough!* **Those that have! (Getting Ahead)**

**Jesus now speaks about Worry** - *being afraid to not have enough!*

**Those that have not! (Getting By)**

**"Greed can never get enough, worry is afraid it may not have enough,  
Worry is the emotional reward of material preoccupation"**

**Luke 9:51-19:27 The Rejection Of The Son Of Man:**

**Luke 12 – Hindrances To Holiness:**

**Verses 1-12 Be Careful Lest Satan Hinder You - The Fear Of Man:**

**Verses 13-34 Be Confident God Will Not Fail You - Love Of Money:**

**Passage is also recorded in Matthew 6:19-34**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "Believers Have A Divine Perspective Towards Material Possessions Knowing That Our Father Will Provide For Our Needs."

**Seven Reasons To Trust God To Supply Our Need:**

**1. Verses 22-23 Not Trusting God Is Shortsighted**

**Luke 12:22**

**And He said to His disciples,**

worry is one of the besetting sins of believers.

**"For this reason I say to you,**

Jesus was asked by a man to help him divide up a family inheritance.  
Jesus said No! Because the real issue was greed.

This is the parable about **"The Rich Fool"**.

A man that was wealthy and only thought of himself.

**Luke 12:19-21**

**"For this reason** As true disciples of Jesus, we are not "Fools" that are living for self, but are investing in eternal things.

**do not worry about your life**, The word **worry, anxious** – *"to be divided, to be torn apart, divide the mind, Latin to choke"*

**about your life**, we are not to be torn apart as to our lives.

**2 Thessalonians 3:10** If you don't work then you cannot eat!

**1 Timothy 5:8**

**If riches are your god, then you have reason to worry. If Jesus is your God, You will not put your trust in the things of this world!**

**as to what you will eat; nor for your body, as to what you will put on.** It seems that these are the two top areas for Americans. Food and clothing.

**The first-century conditions were tough:**

1. Conditions - could be likened to third-world countries.
2. Workers - were paid every day so they could exist.
3. Taxed - 40% on the average worker.

**Luke 12:23 You would never know it judging from the world's priorities!**

**Luke 4:4**

Jesus Taught Us to Pray - **Give us this day our daily bread;**  
Dependence upon Him,

Don't get distracted - **Luke10:38-42** Martha got distracted  
**Shortsighted - more to life.**

## **2. Verse 24 Not Trusting God Is Senseless:**

**Luke 12:24 "Consider the ravens,** unclean animals **Leviticus 11:15 (God still cares for them) Birds have total dependence upon God's provisions:**

**and yet God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds!** God provides for the birds. He created them and will also sustain them.

**Argument from the lesser to the greater. 1 Peter 5:7**

**Senseless** - God will take care

### **3. Verses 25-26 Not Trusting God Is Futile:**

**Luke 12:25** **hour** some translations say **cubit** - a measurement of about 18-21 inches (From the index finger to the elbow).  
This is a figure of speech. **You can't add height, or length, to our lives.**

It will not make you live longer - It does not create a better quality of life.  
It Is Useless.

**Luke 12:26** "If then you cannot do even a very little thing, grow 18 inches, add time by anxiety? **There Is Nothing Positive Through Worry!**

**why do you worry about other matters?**

It is useless, it is senseless to worry! "People get ulcers, not so much from what they eat, as from what eats them" **Futile:**

### **4. Verses 27-28 Not Trusting God Is Faithless:**

**Luke 12:27** "Consider the lilies, look at, observe the flowers.  
Jesus is speaking about the common wildflowers of the field.  
"California Poppies" cactus flowers.

**how they grow; they neither toil nor spin;**

The plants don't tell God when it is time to rain, warm-up, or cool down.

**but I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these.** A proverbially saying, "Solomon in all of his glory"  
**1 Kings 10:4-5,21, 23**

**Luke 12:28** "**But if God so (Since God) clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today** It is God who gives life.

**and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace,**  
Wild followers were used for fuel for baking.

**how much more will He clothe you? You men of little faith!**

If God would take the time and preparations to cause flowers to bloom

**little faith** - "little or small faith" *It's an issue of not trusting our Father.*  
**Oswald Chambers** in "Run Today's Race" said, "All of our fret and worry is caused by calculating without God" **Faithless:**

### **5. Verses 29-30 Not Trusting God Is For The Unsaved:**

**Luke 12:29** **and do not keep worrying. Stop being doubtful.**  
(Habitual doubting!) "Self-Consuming Care, Opposite of Trust"

**Luke 12:30** The term “**nations**” could be used as “Gentiles,” a term used by the Jews to speak of non-Jewish people who did not worship the true and living God.

**gods of the Greeks, and Romans of Greek Mythology Insufficient, Lied, Cheated, got angry, Murdered, less than human.**

**Gentiles had anxiety because their gods could not be trusted.**

**of the world eagerly seek;** anxiety over food and clothing is sought after by the heathen, non-believing people.

Our God is so good and righteous, He will always take care of His own.  
**The Unsaved Worry:**

## **6. Verses 30-32 Not Trusting God Denies Sonship:**

**Luke 12:30 but your Father knows that you need these things.**

What an insult to God when we worry!

It is denying that we have a heavenly father who knows and cares.

**World’s Contingency** - things happen without rhyme or reason.

**World’s Fatalism** - What is to be will happen. (Meant to be)

**Christian’s Doctrine of Certainty - your Father**

The son, or daughter, of God is in the hands of a LIVING LOVING FATHER,  
WHO WILL TAKE CARE OF THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE HIS.  
HE IS THEIR FATHER!

**your Father – (Power, Ability and is Willingness)**

The world continues without the awareness of a loving heavenly Father that wants to meet our needs! (Power and Ability)

**Luke 12:31 "But** if you want an area of focus, something that you should focus upon, this is what it should be! **seek His kingdom,** “*Idea of a hunter seeking his prey*” (Aim) **His purpose, priorities, His Power in our lives and those around us.**

**and these things will be added to you.** That if we will put God’s priorities first all other things will fall into their right order.

**Luke 12:32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, (Only Time Used)**  
**“It is a little flock but remember who it belongs to”**  
**Small means special care!**

**Romans 8:31 If God is for us, who is against us?**

**for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.** It is God's desire and plan to give us the peace, power and position of His reign.  
**Denies Sonship:**

### **7. Verses 33-34 Not Trusting God Is Seeking The Wrong Treasure:**

**Luke 12:33 "Sell your possessions and give to charity;**

Is Jesus telling every believer to sell all if they are to be His followers?

**No! we must "hang loose" when it comes to this world's goods.  
It is not wrong to own things so long as things do not own us.**

**make yourselves money belts which do not wear out,**  
Investing in the eternal versus the temporal.

**Only Way To Truly Protect Your Treasure Is To Invest In Heaven:**

**Luke 12:34 "Heart And Treasure Go Together" Where is our heart?**

**Matthew 6:34**

### **Application:**

How do we win over worry?

1. Accept God's Providence - Rest - Like Birds, Flowers:
2. Anticipate - God's Promises:
3. Adopt God's Priorities - What's Important:
4. Apply Principle - Living Each Day: