

The Gospel of Matthew

“Do Not Be Anxious”
Matthew 6:25-34

Matthew 6:19-34

Two Specific Commands:

- 1) Matthew 6:19-24
 - “do not lay up treasure on earth...but in heaven”
- 2) Matthew 6:25-34
 - “do not be anxious” (3x)

Matthew 6:19-34

Connection: *“for this reason...”*

- anxiety over material needs is a manifestation of “serving mammon”
- not being anxious is an expression of serving (trusting) God

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Jesus’ Command:

- “Do not be anxious *for your life*” – physical necessities (food, drink, clothing)

Modern equivalents: long term future, job security, physical health

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Reasons Not to be Anxious

- A. Right perspective on life
 1. Life is more than material sustenance
 2. Life is in God’s hands, not ours

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- B. Right perspective of God
 1. God’s providential provision
 - God is so completely in control of creation that all animals and plants live by Him
 - God’s use of natural means does not negate His intimate involvement in His creation

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B. Right perspective of God

2. God's fatherly care

- God is not only our Creator but our Father – *we are worth much more than birds!*
- As our heavenly Father, he knows and provides for all our needs

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Our Priority Pursuit

➤ *“seek first His kingdom and righteousness”*

- seek to experience the saving, purifying, love-producing reign of God in your life and in the life of others
- do not seek after possessions or even the physical necessities of life