

## From Worry to Worship

*“Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*

### **Matthew 6:25-33** King James Version (KJV)

The devil wants to use your circumstance against you by making you become anxious when things don't happen on your timetable. He wants you to assume responsibility in that you become master of your own faith and trust in your abilities to make things happen and thereby abdicating your faith in Jesus. But Jesus is saying that I don't want you to become anxious about life. I don't want you to feel as if life happens without purpose. It is here from Eph.1 that we understand that God works all things after the council of His own will- to understand that you are not a mistake- that you are not a mishap- but God had a purpose before he ever created a person and your existence on earth has significance. So when you recognize that you did not just show up, but that God had purpose for you.

I would like to use this analogy. When you buy a new car within the glove compartment is an owner's manual. Now most of us who have had our license or have been driving for some time won't go through the owner's manual because it tells us: how often we should take our car in for a tune-up- the oil we should use and the gas we should use. But the owner's manual for the car doesn't tell you where to drive, who to let into your car. But the owner's manual for the car doesn't tell you how to drive and who to let ride in your car, but it tells you how to get the best performance. But when people look at the Bible, they look at it from the wrong perspective because it is the owner's manual and the things that God has set up is so that we can get the best performance out of your life. (No man can serve two masters) We are trying to convince the world that we (the Church) has what it takes to change a generation. However there are those who are not convinced by our weak, Americanized faith in our material and money. There are many who are seeking God, but can't see Him in our poor witness of Christ. Many are saying that I wish I had met Christ first before I met the Christian. The bottom line: (Seek ye first the kingdom of God; is it consistent with kingdom living?)... And His righteousness (with everything that I do, I want to remain in right standing with God. The things that we have are

God's gift to us, and the life that we live is our gift to God...all things shall be added- this is the opportunity for me to work my faith- to trust that He is with me. Our faith in God must not be something that we attach to the end of our lives, but it is how we live our lives before God.