

## Trustworthy Treasure – Part 2

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 6:27-33: “And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, 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 of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

### APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the statement: “Sin is the end of all peace and the beginning of all anxiety.” How could we state the inverse of this using the gospel (i.e. “The gospel is the end...”)?

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2. Read Psalm 86:11 and Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and discuss how these verses relate to this passage.

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3. The ultimate cause of anxiety is not our circumstances but:

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

4. Jesus identifies a key to anxiety when He says, “O you of little faith” (Matthew 6:30). This is a powerful confirmation that the remedy to worry is not merely:

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5. Jesus explains that everyone seeks after something in this life. Everybody naturally worries because everybody naturally clamors for earthly treasures, even if their treasure is summed-up in survival (Matthew 6:32). If we as Christians worry like the world, what does it show about us and what we are treasuring? Read Matthew 6:7-8 and 6:32. What two key parallels are stated in these verses? What, then, stands as a key representation by referring to Gentiles?

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6. Read Mark 4:18-19. What three categorical items enter our minds and choke out the word of God, which symbolized genuine faith? Are there legitimate cares in this world that pull at our minds? How should we deal with them?

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7. What is the divine antidote to anxiety? What is the illustrated thrust of the word “seek” in Matthew 6:33?

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