

**The Gospel of Matthew #65**

**Sermon on the Mount: chapter 6: LIVING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

Overview of chapter 6

He is teaching us to live *consistently* with what we say we believe:

- An unseen eternal Kingdom of God our Home
- A heavenly **Father** Who the center of our affections & Help

But we live as practical atheists in 2 basic ways:

1. Whose FAVOR we seek: v1-18

Egs: A. Giving (v2-4) B. Praying (v5-15) C. Fasting (v16-18)

**2. What TREASURES we seek: v19-34**

Our preoccupation with STUFF: A. Acquisition (v19-24)

**B. Anxiety (v25-34)**

Each one cries, "More!"

Ch 5: righteousness → ch 6: **FAITH**

**ANXIETY: TEN REASONS TO NOT WORRY (I)**

**Matthew 6:25-34**

I. He \_\_\_\_\_ not to three times (v25, 31, 34)

Since it is a command, that implies I can \_\_\_\_\_ to not worry

II. Life is more than \_\_\_\_\_ needs and pleasures (v25)

Not if you believe the ads you are bombarded with!

But Jesus says there are things "more important" than food and clothes.

Lit: "is not life more than food, and the body than clothes?"

Do not get caught up in only caring for the temporal.

A major antidote to worry is to focus on more important things than your next meal or new pair of shoes

III. Worrying accomplishes \_\_\_\_\_ (v27)

You cannot add a single hour to your life by worrying about it.  
Nor can you improve its quality!

It drains the energy needed to solve the problem!

IV. Worry is the pastime of \_\_\_\_\_ (v32)

Because they do not have a heavenly Father to care for them  
And they have no goals beyond this life

V. The “\_\_\_\_\_” in v25 connects this with v1-24:

You have a Father in Heaven (v1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 15, 18; also here in v26)  
Who has first claim on your life.

Your heart and treasure (v19-21), your service and values (v22-24) are  
centered on Him

So seek **His Kingdom**  
and **His Righteousness** as your life’s priority,  
and all you need will be provided (v33-34, cf. 6:9-10 → 11)

What are three things I worry about?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What difference will this make to me this week?

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