

Wisdom not Worry

Friday, March 20, 2020

Matthew 6:33-34

**“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow...”**

When it comes conquering worry, there are few passages more practical than this one. The level of our worry is directly proportional to the order of our priorities. Jesus says, if your priority in life is taking care of physical needs like food and clothing (or hoarding toilet paper and hand sanitizer) you will worry, and you should. However, if you make the advancement of God’s kingdom your priority, anxiety will be evicted and the Peace of God will take up residence in your heart. Jesus is promising that when we put God’s kingdom before our own, our confidence in His provision will increase and our anxiety will decrease. Why don’t we try this today? Before you react harshly with your adult kids who insist you self-quarantine; or you snipe at the person at Safeway who emptied the shelf of the one item you needed; or you explode at your kids who are underfoot; ask, “How can I respond in a way that makes them think more and better of Jesus?” Do this today and we will be confident there is nothing to worry about tomorrow. Life goes best when we put God first.

Grateful,

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