

AT THE MASTER'S FEET:
A study of Jesus' Sermons in the Gospel of Matthew
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THE MASTER'S ETHIC: THE TRUE LIFE

True Trust - Matthew 6:25-34

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6:25a I. What? Don't worry.

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life..."

cf. Psalm 34:9, 10; 37:25; 84:11; Philippians 4:6, 7; I Peter 5:7

6:25b-32 II. Why? Because:

:25b

A. Your life is more than things.

"...what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"

cf. Job 2:10; Romans 8:28

:26, 28-30

B. You are more valuable than birds and grass.

"Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

"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?"

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C. Worry doesn't work.

"And which if you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?"

:31, 32

D. Worry makes you look like an unbeliever.

"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."

cf. Matthew 5:20, 46, 47; 6:5, 7, 16

Stott's caveats:

Work (cf. Colossians 3:22-24; 2 Thessalonians 3:10)

Share (cf. Deut. 15:1-11; Prov. 19:17; Luke 10:25-37; Acts 4:34, 35; Gal. 6:9, 10)

Persevere (cf. Habakkuk 3:16-19; Acts 14:22; II Timothy 3:12)

Plan (cf. Nehemiah 2, 3; Romans 15:22-29)

6:33, 34 III. How? Seek Him.

"But seek first...." cf. Psalm 27:4

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A. His Kingdom

"...the kingdom of God..." cf. II Timothy 2:4-6

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B. His righteousness

"...and his righteousness..."

cf. Matthew 5:6, 20; Romans 6:13-19; I Timothy 6:11; II Timothy 2:22; 3:16; I Peter 2:24

:33b, 34

C. Not things

"...and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

cf. Matthew 6:8; Colossians 3:1-4