



Living in HD, Great Clarity

Luke 12:22-48

Worry

Read Luke 12:22-28

Jesus tells us not to worry about anything in life, whether food or clothes (or family, or jobs, or money). He points to the birds and flowers who are wonderfully taken care of by God. Jesus assures us He will take care of our needs because we are more valuable than the birds of the air and the flowers of the field.

1. Be honest, what do you worry about?
2. What do you think is at the core of your worries?
3. Who do you instinctively turn to when you're stressed out?
4. How do you manage worry? How do you deal with stress?

Read Luke 12:29-31

1. We're hard wired to fix things ourselves. To earn our way out of trouble. To figure it out. How is this instinct opposite to the message of grace and the Gospel?
2. The Father says He longs to give us the Kingdom. That it gives Him great pleasure to do so. Do you ever feel like you don't really own something if you didn't earn it?
3. Why do you think we struggle to believe God's promise that He will take care of us?

True Treasure

Read Luke 12:32-33

Jesus says that wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be. Whatever we focus on the most determines our course of action. The New Living Bible says it well. He will give you all you need from day to day if you make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.

1. What do you think it means to make the Kingdom your primary concern?
2. Why does Jesus say we should not be afraid? Do you have a hard time with that?
3. What actions here on earth store up treasure for us in heaven?

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4. What are some ways you can or have used your resources to further God's Kingdom?
5. Are you holding anything back from His control? What is it?

Watch and Wait

Read Luke 12:35-40

This passage of Scripture seems to take a strange turn from discussing worry, trust, treasure, and God's provision in our lives, to mysterious "end times" imagery of lamp lighting, food service, and middle of the night burglaries. Even Peter has to ask Jesus for clarification.

1. What do you think Jesus means by the "keep your lamps burning" analogy?
2. What do you think it means to be "ready and waiting" for the Son of Man's return?

"Strength is for service, not status." —Romans 15:1 MSG
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3. How are the roles of the master and servants reversed in this parable? What does this teach us about how we should use power and influence in our own lives?
4. Did any of you who grew up in church ever get a little freaked out by the thought of Jesus coming back? Any stories worth sharing?

Read Luke 12:42-48

We may wonder why the Lord delays His return to earth, but we must remember He is not willing that any should perish. His return will be at an unexpected time and we must be ready and waiting. And while our salvation has been secured by the work of Christ, the Master has given us the responsibility of "managing His household" while we await His coming.

1. What has the Lord given us charge over?
2. Jesus said that if we're given much, much will be expected of us. How does that apply to our spiritual lives as those who have heard the Gospel? As those who have tangible resources?
3. How do you process the challenge of this somewhat difficult passage of Scripture?