

## **Pursuing the Priorities of God**

### **First Things First**

#### **Mt. 6.24-34**

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Intro: The year is almost gone and we've had some very interesting discussions this year. The most powerful thing we've discussed is the last series entitled Pursuing God's Promises.

WE all want the promises of God in our lives but there are a couple of steps that are critical. He often times gets us excited about feeding our miracle and pursuing promises and then comes back and gives us the requirements. This keeps us from getting discouraged by the challenge of it all.

The most critical requirement is an understanding of priorities. Many Christians are like the people that work for companies - they get a check but have no understanding of the real purpose, priority - big picture of the company. The person at the drive thru who gets mad cause you order too much or the person who argues with the customer who returns a product.

1. Don't Worry about the Add – Ons
  - Key to not serving two masters! Vs. 24

Paragraph really starts here!

- Fight the temptation to worry Phil 4:5-7

*6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. NASU*

- Realize that worry adds nothing to you vs. 27

Not one hour!!!

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#### 2. Build Your Faith

- Consider God's Word Ps 119:11/Pr. 3.1, 2

*11 Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You.  
My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments;  
2 For length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.*

- Consider God's provision to lesser creatures
- Discipline yourself not to question God's provision

*"For we walk by faith and not by sight" 2 Co.5.7*

#### 3. Put the Kingdom First

- Stop seeking what He already plans to provide

In Living at the Next Level I taught that the enemy tries to give us what we already have. **Gen. 4/Matt. 4**

- Seek the kingdom and the principles first
- Everything that we worry about is an add on

Clothes, Cars, Houses,

*Matt 6:33-343 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." NASU*

Worry about souls, giving, kingdom expansion... We want to discuss Kingdom Priorities this month.