

# Kingdom Values

## Chapter 21

### Audio lesson: Sermon on the Mount 21



Objective: To understand our worries, our priorities, and God's promise to take care of us. (Text: Matthew 6:25-34)



*“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? . . . But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”*

—Matthew 6:25, 33-34

This passage addresses anxiety, but at its core it is really teaching about values, or priorities. When we worry, we are showing what we value and how much we trust God to care for us. Every disciple of Jesus should have a “priority target,” with a black circle in the center representing the rule of God over their hearts. Everything outside that center should be prioritized by the King of kings as He shows us what is right. Whatever we are tempted to worry about will be provided by our heavenly Father.

Jesus tells us that we should seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness above all else. That is what should occupy our minds. God will take care of our needs; our responsibility is to follow Him as Lord and to seek His kingdom. When He is our true priority, other values will hold the proper place in our hearts.



1. **True** or false? Jesus tells us not to worry about things we cannot control.
2. **True** or false? Jesus promises that we can be as worry-free as the birds and the grass.

3. True or **false**? God does not know what we need until we tell Him.
4. True or **false**? God does not give us what we need until we earn it.
5. True or **false**? Jesus taught that we should never prepare for tomorrow.
6. On the following list, underline the things you tend to worry about most (answers may vary). Then put a check mark by those that are included in God’s promises.

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| ✓ <u>Food</u>        | ✓ <u>Clothing</u>     |
| <u>Money</u>         | <u>Shelter</u>        |
| ✓ <u>Drink</u>       | <u>Job</u>            |
| <u>Relationships</u> | <u>Children</u>       |
| <u>Husband/wife</u>  | ✓ <u>Future plans</u> |

*Unless otherwise noted, choose one best answer for each question.*

7. What is accomplished by worrying about things we cannot control?
  - a. God will not be concerned about our needs if we show that we are not concerned about them.
  - b. Worry is just another form of prayer that God answers.
  - c. Worry has the mystical power to change our circumstances.
  - d. Nothing is accomplished by our worrying.**
  
8. In what ways can we be “spiritually” clothed? (*choose all that apply*)
  - a. With the latest fashions
  - b. With the righteousness of Christ**
  - c. With the fruit of the Spirit**
  - d. With the robes of a monk or priest
  - e. With good works**
  
9. What should we invest our lives in?
  - a. Material possessions that can be destroyed or stolen
  - b. Eternal treasures that cannot be taken away**
  - c. A lifestyle of comfort and happiness
  - d. World peace



Have you given your life, without reservation, completely to seeking God’s kingdom and His righteousness? If not, what prevents you from doing so?

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Thank God for His promise that we do not have to worry about our needs. Ask Him to help you be at peace in His promise and to help you seek His kingdom above all else.



## Going Deeper

1. Describe events in your life that proved to you that Matthew 6:33 is true. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What is your experience of having your needs filled? How are you able to differentiate between your needs and your wants, your timing and the Lord's timing? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How can we discern the difference between those things we should be concerned about and those we should not worry about? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Does worry say anything about the areas where you trust God and those where you do not? What do you worry about? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Who or what do you seek or serve daily? Do you have a life purpose? What does this say about your value system? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Do you often have a problem sorting out your priorities? What system do you use to sort out your priorities? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Have you entered a relationship with God in which He is King? Have you entered into the Kingdom of God? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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8. What are the evidences of the "new birth" in your life? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Describe what it means to have happiness that does not depend on circumstances. \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Explain how values are “caught by example.” \_\_\_\_\_

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11. What are the values of a person who truly looks upward? See especially Matthew 6:33. \_\_\_\_\_

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