

Live As Children of God

Luke 12:22-34 ▪ February 1, 2026 ▪ Ryan Wildauer

Have _____ in your Father's _____ for you. (vv. 22-30)

_____ your _____ in God's kingdom. (vv. 31-34)

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²² And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, 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. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³² "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (ESV)

Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions

Open: What's something you've observed or experienced recently that has reminded you of God's care and generosity toward his creation?

Read & Discuss: Luke 12:22-34

1. Jesus commands His disciples, "do not be anxious about your life" (v. 22). Why does He continue by reminding us that life is "more than food" and the body "more than clothing"? What are some other things we worry about today that we also treat as essential to our identity or security?
2. In verses 24–28, Jesus points to ravens and lilies. What are these examples meant to teach us about God's character as our Provider? If God cares for birds and flowers, how does that relate to the question of your own value in His eyes?
3. Jesus asks, "And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?" (v. 25). If worry is ineffective, why do we find it so difficult to stop? What's the difference between living anxiously and planning wisely? How should the fact that God already knows your needs (v. 30) change the way you approach what you pursue?
4. Verse 31 comes with a great promise. What does it look like practically to "seek his kingdom"? Taking into account that suffering, hardship, and even death are natural parts of life, how would you explain the promise Jesus gives that "these things will be added to you"?
5. Jesus gives another stunning promise in verse 32: "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." How does the imagery of being a "little flock" help overcome the fear of lacking things we perceive we need in this life? What do you think Jesus means when he says it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom?
6. Verse 33 contains a radical call to "sell your possessions, and give to the needy." Based on the context of verses 22–32, why is a person who trusts the Father's care *able* to be more generous and less protective of their resources? How will this give us "moneybags" that don't wear out?
7. Jesus concludes by saying, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (v. 34). Practically speaking, how can we tell where our "treasure" currently lies? What are some subtle signs that our heart has started to drift toward earthly treasures that will wear out?

Apply: What is one worry that's been weighing on you recently? How do the truths of this passage address or encourage you? What will you do as a response?

Pray: Pray we would be a community that "seeks the Kingdom" above all else. Ask God to help us trust Him so deeply that we are freed from anxiety and empowered to be radically generous to others.