

Sermon

Matthew 6:25-33

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- 1-2 Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount
Relationship with God
- 3-12 The Beatitudes
Relationship with Community
- 13-20 Salt and Light, The Fulfillment of the Law
- 21-37 Murder, Adultery, Divorce, Oaths
- 38-48 Eye for Eye, Love for Enemies



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Traits of Faith

1-4 Giving to the Needy

5-15 Prayer

16-18 Fasting

Relationship with Material Things

19-24 Treasures in Heaven



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**“What you are working for,
and what you are worried about
reveal all you need to know
about the state of your heart.”**



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25 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 than food, and the body more than clothes?



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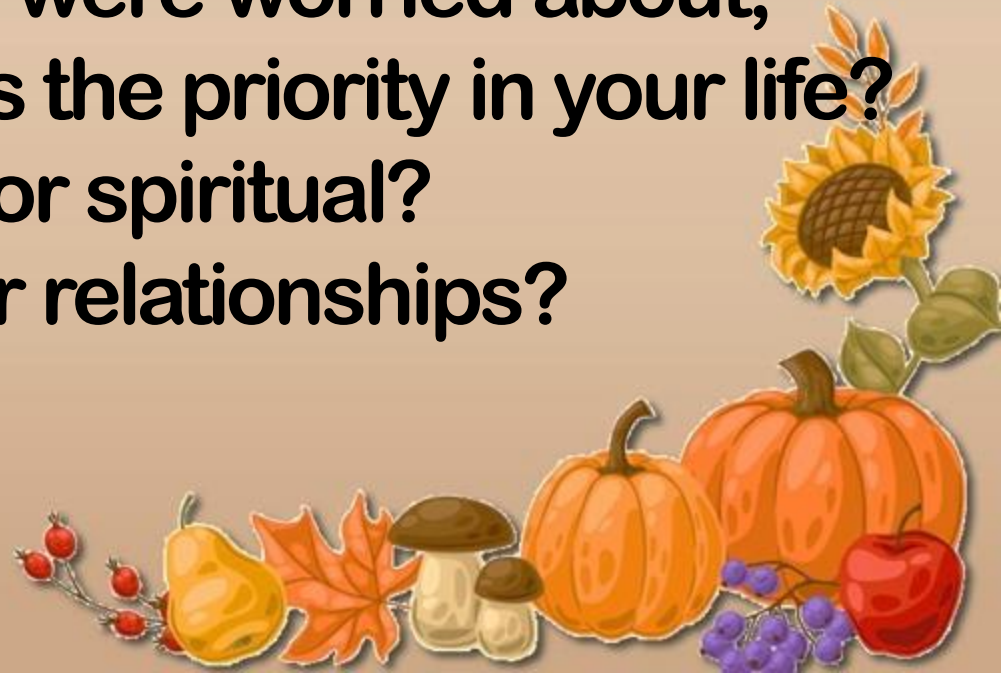
**Easy to understand ...
... not so easy to undertake!**



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**If people looked at the things
you were working for,
and the things you were worried about,
what would they say is the priority in your life?
Physical or spiritual?
Resources or relationships?**



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26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?



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The Robin and the Sparrow

Said the robin to the sparrow,

“I should really like to know,

Why these anxious human beings

Rush about and worry so.”

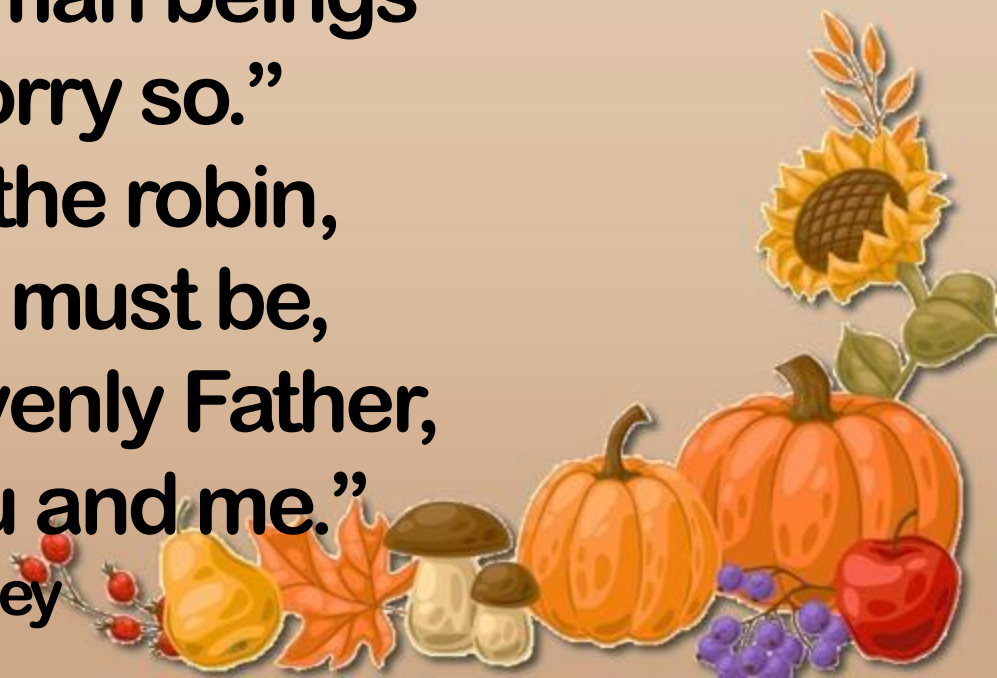
Said the sparrow to the robin,

“Friend I think that it must be,

That they have no Heavenly Father,

Such as cares for you and me.”

— Elizabeth Cheney



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Luth: “He is making the birds our schoolmasters and teachers. It is a great and abiding disgrace to us that in the Gospel a helpless sparrow should become a theologian and a preacher.”

(AE 21:197)



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**“Don’t worry”
doesn’t mean
“Don’t care”!**

**Care about physical things, but
prioritise spiritual things.**



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**“Don’t worry”
doesn’t mean
“Don’t work”!**



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**Vision: To know Christ in his word
and make Christ known in his world.
(Philippians 3:10-12, John 17:3)**



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Mission: We gather in Jesus' name,
grow through his word and sacraments,
and share his love with others.



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27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?



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Worry is futile!

**Worry will not empty tomorrow of its sorrows,
but will empty today of its strength.**

**Worry will not empty tomorrow of its problems,
but will empty today of its peace.**



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31 So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father **knows that you need them.**



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1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

7 Cast all your anxiety on him
because he cares for you.



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Hebrews 12:28 (NIV)

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful.



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What If...

You Woke Up

TOMORROW

with only the things

you had thanked

God for

TODAY

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Colossians 3:15 (NIV)

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.



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