

## The Reassurance of a Heavenly Perspective

*Luke 12:22-34*

### Introduction

Today, we are not short on situations and circumstances that can lead us to a place of worry. Having an eternal perspective is the way to overcome earthly worry. In our current passage of study Jesus addresses the questions and concerns that would arise from Jesus' appeal to be rich towards God verses storing up earthly treasures for oneself (Luke 12:21).

Jesus commands His disciples not to worry. Worrying is generated by misplacing our priorities. Rightly prioritizing how you live your life with eternity in mind, will cause you to operate in proper perspective. Worry occurs when we shift our focus from the heavenly perspective to an earthly perspective.

Worry is an indication of a misunderstanding of who God is. You can be reassured that if God provides for nature, He will provide for you, therefore you can be poor by earthly standards without worry. The Bible tells us He provides for the raven (Luke 12:24), and He even clothes the flowers (Luke 12:27), yet you and I, being made in God's image, are much more important than these. If He takes care of nature (Luke 12:28); how much more will He, in all of His riches, take care of you?

Worry is overcome by the paternity of God's Kingdom. God is a good Father and we don't have to worry about Him taking care of us. This should lead us to willingly invest our treasures, time and talents to the Kingdom of God. When you invest in the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of God will reinvest in you. If you want a bigger heart for heaven, place more of your treasure there.

### Getting Started

1. What are some common influences of worry and anxiety today?
2. What are some healthy and unhealthy ways in which you have dealt with worry and anxiety in the past?

### Let's Get Personal

1. How does understanding of eternal perspective affect your emotional stability? How can this principle help you mentally and emotionally?
2. What adjustments will you make in your priorities in light of what you have learned?
3. Examine your heart. How does your heavenly account look currently? Are you storing up treasures in heaven?

### Take the Next Step

1. Worry is an indication of a misunderstanding about God. What truth concerning God do you need to meditate on this week to avoid entering a place of worry and anxiety? Tell your group how they can be praying for you.
2. Want to dig deeper? Reflect on these verses: Psalm 104:27; 34:10; 37:25; Isaiah 33: 15-16; 1 Timothy 4:7-8; 1 Peter 5:7; Matthew 6:22-34.

### Renew Your Mind

*"Luke 12:25:* And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

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