

# “Don’t Worry, Be Holy”

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*Matthew 6:25 - (Jesus said) "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?"*

† **God gave me life so I can trust God for that which is necessary to support my life.**

† **Jesus is teaching that I am not to worry about the basic needs of life: food, drink and clothing.**

*Matthew 6:31-32*

*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.*

† **I often find it easier to feel secure with things I can control and, when something is beyond my control, I worry.**

† **There is no need to worry about material needs, for God will provide them if I trust Him.**

*Matthew 6:33 - But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

† **I must settle the question of priorities in my life.**

† **My desires can quickly push God out of first place if I do not actively choose to give God first place in every area of my life, including my troubles.**

† **If I “seek first” with what God would want, then the way I deal with worries will all be transformed.**

*Matthew 6:34 - Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."*

† **Planners trust God’s guidance and ask for it in thinking ahead.**

† **Worriers only trust themselves and let their plans interfere with their relationship with God.**

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† **If I try and handle troubles myself, I will worry.**

† **If I place my troubles in God’s hands, God will help me handle them.**

## **Applying Today’s Message to My Life:**

† What am I worried about?

- How much control have I given God over it (or do I think I can do a better job than God)?

† If I received \$1,000,000 today, what would I do with it?

- Where is God ranked?

† What is a relationship I worry about?

What would God want me to do?

† What object do I want to buy?

What would God want me to buy?

† What money situations am I dealing with?

What would God have me do?

† What goals do I have?

What would God want my goals to be?