

## **Matthew 6:25-34** **Worry or Trust**

### **Introduction:**

Matthew records a major topic in the life of the believer. He deals with this question: Are you free from worry? There is an old cliché, “if you’re worrying, you’re not trusting: and if you’re trusting, you’re not worrying.” That is literally true and it is a proper restatement of Christ’s warning that you cannot serve God and worry. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.” Prov. 3:5 (Isa. 12:2)

### **I. Stop Worrying**

#### **A. Satan’s desire to immobilize us – II Cor. 2:11**

1. Worry has a future tense about it – v.34; Phil. 4:5,6
2. Today’s quota – John 11:8-10

1. There are twelve hours in a day – John 11:8-11

#### **B. Threefold Emphasis:**

1. Stop being anxious for your life – Greek word for “Life” is “soul” – v.25
2. Stop worrying about what you eat –v.31
3. Stop worrying about tomorrow – v.34

#### **C. Jesus expounds:**

1. It’s impossible to be a slave to both God and mammon. (previous context)
2. As important as the basics are they are not the most important things in life v. 25
3. Illustrates how the creation works – v. 26

#### **D. The folly of worry – v.27; Psa. 39:5**

#### **E. Clothing illustrated – v. 28-30**

### **II. Start Trusting**

#### **A. Our faith should be great rather than small**

1. Look at the evidence, Jesus never teaches blind faith.
2. The dry grass – What is Jesus teaching here?

#### **B. What makes our faith grow? Turn To: Luke 17:1-6**

1. Don’t cause a new believer to stumble.
2. Be ready to forgive your brother.

### **Conclusion:**

1. *We must seek. That is our first priority.*
2. *We must obey. The Kingdom of God has rules.*
3. *We must understand. That the righteousness we are seeking is not our own.*
4. *Finally: “Therefore” Worry must always be deferred. Today’s troubles must be dealt with.*

