11. It is **NOT** wrong to work, plan, save, etc., but it is wrong to do what? 24. In spite of the fact that the grasses and flowers of the first century had a short life span and were used to burn for cooking, God did what in relation to them? 12. The word, "therefore" (verse 25) shows us that what Jesus is about to teach is connected to what? 25. What phrase is the key phrase for understanding this entire text? 13. The more focused we are on money and possessions, the more we are 26. In this text Jesus is rebuking us for our lack of what? what? 14. Some people's lives completely revolve around what? 27. When we worry, we are acting like we don't what? 15. Does your life revolve around those things? 16. What lesson about laziness and irresponsibility can we derive from 28. According to verse 32, who are the ones who worry? birds? 29. Rather than worrying, we should be fixated on what? 17. The point Jesus is making in verse 26 is what? 30. What does it mean to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness? 18. We strike at the character of our good and gracious and caring heavenly Father when we do what? 19. Verse 27 is a rhetorical question by Jesus to illustrate what point? 31. Are you truly seeking God's kingdom and His righteousness? 20. Worrying can reduce what? 32. Is there such a thing as secular and sacred? 33. Are you consumed with God's kingdom? 21. The English term, "worry" comes from an old German word meaning to do what? 34. Do you see yourself as always living for the King? 35. Do you do your job as unto the King (are you really the best 22. When faced with the temptation to worry, what should our first response actually be? employer or employee)? 23. What is the lesson to be learned from flowers in verse 28? 36. If you are a student, do you do your school work as unto the King?

- 37. If you are a husband, wife, dad, mom, etc., do you live out those responsibilities for the King?
- 38. Those who live, consumed with the King and His Kingdom and His Righteousness, have the promise from Jesus that what will happen?
- 39. Most of tomorrow's supposed troubles never do what?

For helpful reading on the issue of worrying, read Elyse Fitzpatrick's book, "Overcoming Fear, Worry, and Anxiety."

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- » How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- » How can I accomplish this change?
- » What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

- 1) Read Matthew 1:1-7:5
- 2) What does it mean to be a "Hypocrite?"
- 3) What is the typical view of Matthew 7:1-5 in our culture?
- 4) What are some things that we are suppose to judge?

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THE WORTHLESSNESS OF WORRY Matthew 6:25-34 (Series#38)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "The Worthlessness of Worry." All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

- 1. According to I Timothy 6:7-8, we should be content with what?
- 2. How many truly content people are there in the world?
- 3. What verse is especially for those of us who live in the prosperous U.S.A.?
- 4. We are constantly told, through advertising and through our culture, that life **DOES** consist in the what?
- 5. Have you bought into that deceptive view of life?
- 6. What/Who do you believe: Jesus or our world?
- 7. Which is easier to believe: Our world or Jesus?
- 8. What things have no age limits?
- 9. What is the one word that Jesus repeated in Matthew 6:25-34?
- 10. What is Jesus **NOT** saying in this passage?
- **To help protect the quality of recording the sermon, we ask that you quietly turn to the inside of this study guide. Thank you! We appreciate your help.