

‘A Great Solution for our Worries!’ Matt. 6:33

Introduction: This morning we will see what God thinks our top priority should be. Notice, Jesus gives it in the context of worry, showing it's His solution to our worry problems. Jesus is telling us not to worry because as a Christian, you have a heavenly Father who will look out over you.

I. A lifelong pursuit

He is saying rather than being _____, here's what you're to do. Seek! It means to make a search for, look for it, pursue it. Two things are implied here, this will take time and energy. This is a pursuit that must never stop. It is a pathway to worry-free living. It is a way of life. Our task is to seek, God's task then would be to add all those other essential things like food, shelter and clothing.

II. Our top priority

Jesus then qualifies this command to seek with the word: 'first'. Do it now, don't put it off, do it first.

What Jesus is saying is this: your relationship with God is more important than anything else. Seeking God is your greatest priority and it is such a privilege to be able to do this! When you walk with Jesus you discover wonder upon wonder. It's the greatest adventure in life! And if you do this, you will be honoring God.

III. A life of purity.

Then Jesus adds we're also to seek His righteousness. What is this? The righteousness here is one of a life of obedience to God. It's a life of integrity and purity. And for this to also be a solution to our worry problems we understand this must be a lifelong pursuit, each and every day.

IV. A conditional promise

There are two types of promises, conditional and unconditional ones. Most of the promises in the Bible are conditional ones. Matt. 6:33 here is a conditional promise. If you put God first, you'll be taken care of. Put God first, and your _____ will be supplied. And when God delivers, He usually over delivers!

V. Necessary provisions

A. In this passage Jesus is saying don't worry about life's essentials, food, drink, clothing, those are God's problem. He has committed to take care of you. Here's what you are to do: seek God first, put God first in your life.

B. You might think this is hard to do, but it really isn't. If you decide to do this, to seek God first, God will work behind the scenes to give you the desire and means and grace to do this.

Applications:

1. 2 Cor. 5:17 When you ask God to forgive you of your sins and to help you be the person He wants you to be, you change. He says He will give you a new _____ and new desires.

My point here is: if you have no desire to put God first, it would be wise for you to check your own heart and see if you truly have been born again, if you sincerely have put your trust in Jesus alone.

2. Second, I would like you to commit to at least these three things:

1-- to spend time each day reading God's word,

2- to spend time with God each day in prayer, praying about anything, like your worries, but especially about what you just read in God's word and then

3- walk in the light as Jesus is in the light. This means to live out what you are learning, be a doer of the Word, be joyfully obedient to Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.