



71. Worry or Worth

Listen to these words of Jesus: *“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?”*, Matthew 6:24-26.

Jesus said that no one can serve God and wealth at the same time. And He made an interesting connection with the words, *“For this reason”*. Jesus ex-

plained that for the reason that no one can serve God and wealth, believers shouldn't worry about their food and clothes. God feeds the birds of the air. He will provide for us. We are more important than the birds.

Believer, worry comes from trying to serve God and wealth at the same time. Jesus didn't define wealth as American wealth and possessions ... although those are included. Jesus said, if you worry about your food and clothes, then you are serving wealth. Believers' worry comes from trusting in their possessions instead of God. Believers' worry comes from not understanding their worth to God. Worth displaces worry. We are worth more to God than the birds are. Don't worry about your food and clothes. Don't think less of yourself than a bird. Don't try to serve God and wealth. Don't worry. Trust God instead!

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