

WHAT CONCERNS US MOST?

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Text: Matthew 6:25-34 NIV

Prayer often centers on our earthly and temporal *concerns*. Yet there is good news, if we can get past our worries.

I. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT OUR EXISTENCE (vv.25-27).

25 “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? **26** Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? **27** Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”

A. Daily concerns often cause us to worry (vv.25-26).

B. Worry accomplishes nothing, but prayer can change things (v.27)

II. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT OUR NECESSITIES (vv.28-31).

28 “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. **29** Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. **30** If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? **31** So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’”

A. We worry how we will provide for ourselves (v.28-29).

B. Yet, God has promised to provide for us all we need (vv.30-31).

III. Eternity should be our biggest concern (vv.32-34).

32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. **33** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **34** Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

**A. Concern over earthy things is the way of the unbeliever
(v.32).**

**B. Eternity is the focus of the believer's heart and mind (vv.33-
34).**

CONCLUSION

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.