

Things That Matter Most

I. Introduction

- A. Matt. 6:25-27; 31-34 (NLT) ²⁵"That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? ²⁷Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? ³¹"So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' ³²These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. ³³Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. ³⁴So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today."
- B. Matt. 6:33 (NAS) "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

II. Things That Matter Most

A. Transformation

1. Mark 1:35 (NLT) Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray.
2. Luke 6:12 (NLT) One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night.

B. Love

C. Calling

D. Joy

1. John 15:11 (NLT) I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!
2. Phil 4:4 (NAS) Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!
3. Psalm 118:24 (NLT) This is the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.
4. Matt. 6:34 (NAS) "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."
5. Joshua 10:13 (NLT) So the sun stood still and the moon stayed in place until the nation of Israel had defeated its enemies. Is this event not recorded in The Book of Jasher? The sun stayed in the middle of the sky, and it did not set as on a normal day.
6. Lamentations 3:22-23 (NAS) ²²The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. ²³They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

III. Conclusion