

The Gospel of Luke

A Cure for Anxiety

Luke 12:22-34

1. **An Important Connection** (v.22)

Christ's comforting words illustrating God's compassionate and abundant care for people's material must be read along with His harsh condemnation of being consumed with being preoccupied with these same needs (vs.20-21). Material things are important (v.30), but they must not be preeminent.

2. **Some Pertinent Commands**

A. **Do Not Be Anxious About Your Life...** (vs.22, 29)

Christ commands His disciples not to worry for those things that are outside of their control. Christians not to be lazy or neglectful of responsibilities, but instead are to be actively occupied in the care of those things for which they are responsible (Eph 5:25; 2 These 3:10; 1 Tim 5:8 cf. 1 Cor 7:32-34).

I. ...Because He **Cares For You** (vs.24-29)

II. ...Because He **Knows Your Need** (v.30)

B. **Do Not Be Afraid** (v.32)

The disciples are not to be fearful because God has already chosen to immeasurably bless them. They need not fear what men can do to them (cf. Luke 12:4) or what they can do to prolong their own lives because neither the number of their days nor the manner of the ending of their days will interfere with God giving the kingdom to them.

3. **A Significant Charge: Seek the Kingdom** (vs.31-34)

A. **Strive after the Kingdom** (v.31)

Christ's disciples are not to focus their efforts on fulfilling material needs or wants (v.29), but on obedience to what God has commanded (Matt 6:33).

B. **Promise of Present Blessings** (v.31)

Those who prioritize God in their affections and actions, He will provide for them those things which that they need but did not pursue.

C. **Invest in the Imperishable** (vs.33-34)

Selling possessions and giving to charity is not how one receives eternal life (Luke 18:22-23), but it is indicative of one who has received salvation and who prioritizes what God does (cf. Matt 6:19-20).