

The Simple Gospel

How do we live it?

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Thread:

Trust is what we offer God as we travel between our A and His B.

“Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” **Matthew 6:19-21 NLT**

What do I really want?

What is at my core?

- What is motivating me when I get up in the morning?

“Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. But when your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!” **Matthew 6:22-23 NLT**

“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money. 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? Look 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? Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

Matthew 6:24-34 NLT

Jesus is grabbing our attention with hyperbole again.

We are meant to live wisely and therefore think about tomorrow.

What do I really want?

- What has my attention?
- The worry about tomorrow?
- Or... The possibilities of God’s kingdom breaking through?

6 things we can’t do while offering God our overactive worry and anxiety.

1. Can’t give proper attention to the needs and problems of today.
2. Can’t get an accurate urgency measure, for today’s needs and problems.
3. Can’t escape the fog of impending _____.
4. Can’t hold on to faith as strongly.
5. Can’t hear the Holy Spirit and His Word as clearly.
6. Can’t enjoy all God has provided.

What are we to do?

“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” **Matthew 6:33 NLT**

“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else”

1. Know where to look.

“live righteously”

2. Make your decisions based on what you see in Him.

“he will give you everything you need.”

3. Live today as though He will show you the path forward tomorrow.
4. Expect to see Him bearing gifts.

Challenge:

- Do I know where to look?
- Who do I look to for my decisions?
- Am I living today knowing He will show tomorrow’s path?
- Do I expect He will bring me gifts?

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