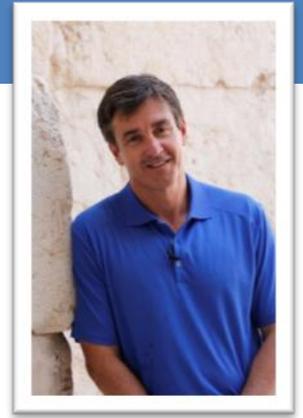


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Matthew 6:28-33 (NIV[®])

²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies 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, **O you of little faith?** ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 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.

I. Jesus' unique perspective ---

- A. What is not addressed
- B. The heart of the matter, worry is personal
- C. The invitation --- choosing a different life path

II. God's Provision

John 14:26-27 (NIV[®])

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

- A. Presence of the Holy Spirit
- B. Peace with a foundation
- C. The gift of God's Spirit brings: power, love & peace of mind

III. Endurance

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Hebrews 12:2-3 (NIV[®])

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.³ **Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.**

Galatians 6:9 (NIV[®])

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest **if we do not give up.**

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You are my strength and my courage—the rock I stand upon. I thank you for your deliverance. I choose to focus my thoughts and my heart upon the promise of your great love. Holy Spirit direct my steps. My desire is to honor my Lord in all I do. I rejoice today in my God and my redeemer. Amen.

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