

OVERCOME

The Way of Priorities

“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”

Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

When God is First:

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- Look at my _____.

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Matthew 6:25 (NLT)

- Look at the _____.

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Matthew 6:26 (NLT)

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“Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?”

Matthew 6:27 (NLT)

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“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?”

Matthew 6:28-30 (NLT)

- Look at your _____.

“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.”

Matthew 6:31-32 (NLT)

- 2. It increases my capacity for _____.**

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- 3. It gives me the ability to be my best _____.**

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Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)

Discussion Questions

1. What do you tend to worry about the most and why?
2. How has worrying about one area of your life affected other areas of your life?
3. What would it look like for you to "put God first" this week?

Recommended Resources

- *Seek First: How the Kingdom of God Changes Everything*, by Jeremy R. Treat
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- *Get Out of Your Head*, by Jennie Allen
- *Anxious for Nothing*, by Max Lucado
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