

The Justified Reaction

Matthew 6:25-34

The difference between a precept and a principle:

- A precept tells us what _____ to do and what _____ do. These are _____ from Scripture.

Leviticus 19:11 "Do not lie" | John 4:11 "Love one another"

- A principle helps us to know how to discern what is _____ and _____.

I Corinthians 6:12

"Everything is permissible for me"—but not everything is beneficial.

If you believe the wrong things you'll behave the wrong way.

Question- Why is it so easy to _____ some sins and not others?

Answer- Because when we're not _____ or in the minority it makes it _____ in our eyes.

Context of Passage

- In Matthew 6:19-24, Jesus is focusing on our attitude toward _____.
- In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus is focusing on our attitude toward _____.

Worry: To be divided, _____ and double-minded...English word means to strangle or _____.

Principles to Help Us Overcome Worrying

Principle #1

When we worry, we are living contradictory to Jesus' _____ for our lives.

Matthew 6:25

"Therefore, I tell you, DO NOT WORRY about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?"

Matthew 6:31

So DO NOT WORRY, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

- We must remember that God owns, _____ and _____ everything.

Matthew 6:34

Therefore DO NOT WORRY about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

- 1 Peter 5:7; John 14:1; Philippians 4:6

- God is the God of tomorrow as well as the God of _____ and _____.
- God does not give us grace for tomorrow _____ but a day at a time as needed.

Principle #2

When we worry, we are living contradictory to God's _____ to us as our father.

Matthew 6:26

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns; and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

- No bird is _____ in the image of God or _____ in the image of Christ.

Matthew 6:27

Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

- You can improve the _____ of your life but not necessarily the _____.
- You can worry yourself to _____ but not to _____.

Matthew 6:28-30

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 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?"

- If God bothers to clothe the _____ with flowers that wither and die won't He much more clothe and care for His _____ that live for eternity?

Principle #3

When we worry, we are living contradictory to God's _____ on our lives.

Matthew 6:32-33

"For the pagans run after all these things and your Heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

- Worry is a characteristic of an _____. Are we content with that?
- Salvation is _____ in Christ, not _____ to sin.
- The cause of worry is seeking the things of the _____ and the cause of _____ is seeking the things of God.

Habakkuk 3:17-18

What now?

1. Spiritually, believe who _____ is and what He _____ of you.
2. Spiritually, go to God about your _____ and trust His _____.
3. Spiritually, _____ both of His _____ and live freely.