

Luke 12:6-7, 11-12, 24-34

⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. ⁷ Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.

¹¹ And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, ¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

2

Luke 12:6-7, 11-12, 24-34

²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!

4

Luke 12:6-7, 11-12, 24-34

²⁹ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³² "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

5

When Worry Takes Over...

Remember that God's Knowledge and Concern for You Are Perfect

- YOU are unimaginably important to God (verses 6-7)!
- God will never forget, ignore, or abandon you!
 He may not take you out of danger but will provide what's best in every situation (verses 11-12)
- Trust God's presence and provision (verses 23-30)

When Worry Takes Over...

Don't Try to Stop Thinking, Try to Think About Different Things!

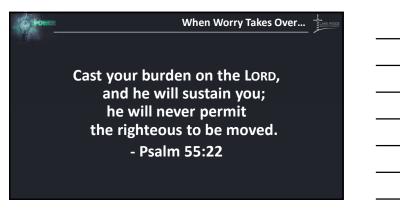
- Biblical Replacement Principle intentionally fill your mind with better thoughts
- Carefully, slowly think Philippians 4:8 thoughts what is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent, praiseworthy?
- Focus your mind on God's Kingdom and let your concerns fade away (verses 31-34)

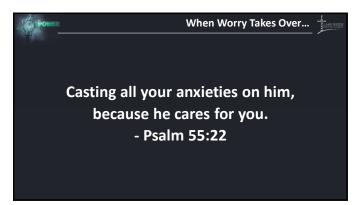
7

When Worry Takes Over...

Memorize God's Promises and Use Them to Fight • Scripture memorization is a powerful weapon • Jesus resisted the devil using memorized Scripture • You can too!

8



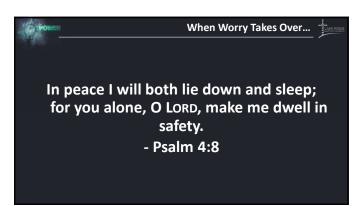


10

When Worry Takes Over...

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me? - Psalm 56:3-4

11



When Worry Takes Over...

Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

- Matthew 6:34