



“If you continue in My word,

then are you My **Disciples InDeed...**”

Learn From the Birds and Flowers!

Matthew 6:25-30 “Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?...”

In our previous lesson we learned that we cannot be the servant of God and the servant of money; it has to be one or the other! This lesson starts with a “therefore” that refers back to that fact and shows us how we need to live because of that fact.

We might tend to think that serving money will be manifested by being a thief like Judas or building an elaborate house for ourselves but Jesus brings up things that are much more basic and simple and that we can all relate to. The first thing Jesus tells us is that we shouldn’t worry about our food, drink, and clothing because God has already given us the most valuable and difficult gifts—our very life and the body we live in! If we were given these, how much more can we expect God to give us the food that sustains our life and the clothing that covers and protects our bodies?!

1. How does worrying about our basic needs being met undermine our relationship with God and cause us to be in danger of serving money instead of God?

2. In verse 26 we’re told to consider what we can learn from the birds. What do the birds teach us about God’s care for His children? _____

3. What does verse 27 teach us about the value of all our anxious, worrisome thoughts? _____

4. What does God tell us to do with our anxious thoughts in Phil 4:6-8? _____

How about the flowers?

5. What do the ‘lilies’ teach us about God’s care for our bodies and how much time and energy we should put into our outward appearance and clothing? _____

6. What does 1 Peter 3:3-5 teach us about outward adorning versus inward adorning from God’s perspective? _____

Am I a “Disciple InDeed”?

1. Am I anxious about money and stuff or do I trust that my Heavenly Father will take care of me?
2. Do I spend undue time and money on my physical appearance and clothes like the heathen do or do I focus my energies on developing the inward beauty of Christlike character?

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Doers of the Word

What has God spoken to me today?

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Further Study: Luke 12:15-31

“...And you shall know The Truth,
and The Truth shall **make you Free!**”

