

JUNE 10

“MONEY CAN PUT YOU IN BONDAGE.”

READ

Matthew 6:25-34

When God tells you to do something, and your first concern is the money, you're in a whole lot of trouble spiritually. When God tells you to give, and you try to figure out if you can, you're already defeated. The question can never be about the money. It must always be, "How can I please you, Lord Jesus?" What is this verse saying to us — don't plan, just kind of wing it? Of course not! The whole Bible tells us that wise men and women plan for tomorrow. We've been told in Proverbs to look at the ants — they store up for the winter. Jesus is telling you not to become obsessed with tomorrow's security. The economy might dip, that lump might be malignant, things might get worse. So should I store up like somebody who doesn't have a Heavenly Father? Should I become obsessed with making sure I have plenty in case something happens? The Lord is telling you not to worry. Enjoy living for Jesus, and God will put everything else in order. Don't live for money, or power, or prestige: live for the glory of God.

PRAY

Jesus, today I put my concerns, cares and problems in Your hands. I confess my worries to You. I need to seek Your kingdom and Your righteousness first.

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