

SESSION THIRTEEN: How can Jesus help me with money worries? *Luke 12 v 13-34*
Full Route

3. We shouldn't make money and possessions our main aim in life, as though that's what life is all about (v 15). We don't know when our life will end, and we can't take our wealth with us (v 20). God says only fools make wealth and comfort their goal; sensible people will be rich towards God, making him the most important thing in life (v 21).

4. There's nothing wrong with saving money. Jesus' point is that we mustn't rely on money, thinking it's what will give us a good future; nor must we make having money our main aim in life.

5. By giving what we have to him: being prepared, for example, to give our money away to help his people and to help people hear about his Son. (There are many other ways we can be "rich towards God" (UK NIV); this is just one. Spend some time thinking of others).

6. They worried about where they'd get food to eat and clothes to wear.

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- Life is about more than food and clothes: it's not what's most important (v 23).
- God feeds birds and clothes flowers: we're much more valuable to him than they are, so we can look to him to give us what we need rather than worrying about it (v 24, 27-28).
- Worrying doesn't actually achieve anything! (v 25-6).
- God knows what we need (v 30).
- If we are seeking to live as part of God's kingdom, then as part of his kingdom, God will give us what he knows we need (v 31). (This doesn't mean that he'll always give Christians food, clothing, and life. But he will for as long as he wants them to be here, and then he'll take them to his kingdom at the end of their life. Since Christians know where they're headed beyond death, they don't need to worry about what this life holds for them.)

8. We should set our heart on living as part of God's kingdom now, and on reaching God's perfect kingdom when we die.

9. It means to put living for God ("seek his kingdom") before all other priorities (v 30-31)—you might like to think about what this would look like in your own circumstances. And it means to not be afraid (v 32) of the future, or of missing out in the present, because you know that you already have a place in God's kingdom through following Christ, and there's nothing that the world can offer that's better than that.

10. Sell things we own and give to the poor, and instead of hanging on to our earthly possessions, focus on making sure we will have riches in heaven for ever (which we do by following Jesus).

11. God our Father wants to give us the kingdom—to allow us to have him as King in our lives, now and for ever. So we don't need to fear (v 32). If what we really care about (our “treasure”) is with God in heaven, instead of in something the world offers, our joy will never fade, disappear or be taken away.