The Divine Order- Part One
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Matthew 6:25-34 (NLT) *"That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? [26] Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? [27] Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?*
[28] "And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, [29] yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. [30] And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?
[31] "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' [32] These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. [33] Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." [34] "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today."

What Jesus teaches us here is happiness is about <u>order</u>, not <u>needs</u>.

1 Corinthians 14:33
"God is not a God of disorder but of peace..."

1 Corinthians 14:40
"Everything must be done decently and in order..."

There is a <u>divine order</u> that will release the <u>divine blessing</u>.

The Biblical order of:

- Night, then day
- Seasons
- 10 Commandments
- Marriage
- Our careers
- Our finances

<u>Life Out of Order</u>

Proverbs 14:12
"There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death."

Put God first and life finds its proper place.

<u>Life in Order</u>

Leisure Time
Career/Education/Ministry
Relationships
Church
God

Jesus doesn't ask us to do stuff '<u>FOR</u>' Him—He asks us to do it <u>'WITH'</u> Him!

Isaiah 28:26
"His God teaches him order..."

Colossians 3:3
"For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God."

The Good Life:

Psalm 16:9-11
"This is a good life—my heart is glad, my soul is full of joy, and my body is at rest. Who could want for more? You will not abandon me to experience death and the grave or leave me to rot alone. Instead, You direct me on the path that leads to a beautiful life. As I walk with You, the pleasures are never-ending, and I know true joy and contentment."

Notes