

Hidden Treasures

“The Best of Times/The Worst of Times”

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Jesus said to them, “Do not worry about the food you will eat, or the clothes you will wear. Isn’t life more important than food and the body more important than clothes?” Look at the birds of the air. They do not sow or reap. They do not store away food for tomorrow. And yet your Father in Heaven feeds them. And to God you are much more valuable than the birds. Can worry add a single hour to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow? They do not have to work to have clothing and yet not even the richest man in history was clothed as these. This is how God dresses the grasses of the field which are here today and gone tomorrow. If God gives such attention to these flowers, will He not take even greater care of you? Give all your attention to what God is doing. And He will take care of the rest.
Matthew 6:25-33 (NIV)

Worry:

1. Damages your _____.
2. Disrupts your _____.
3. Affects how you treat _____.
4. Reduces your ability to _____.

Truth:

- ❖ God tests His people through _____.

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind.
James 1:2-6 (NLT)

- ❖ Sometimes the darkest days turn out to be the _____ days.
- ❖ _____ causes people to re-evaluate what is really important in their lives.

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)