

THE PRESENTS OF GOD

The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 6

God's Present
for Us



2 Cor. 9:15
Praise be to God
for his
indefinable gift

Some Facts about Christmas Shopping

Women give more gifts than men

Women are more successful in finding the desired gift than men

10% of women's gifts were returned whereas 16% of the gifts given by men were returned

It is estimated at this year the average American will spend \$750 total on gifts

Some Facts about Christmas Shopping

In today's economy the value of the 364 gifts mentioned in "The 12 Days of Christmas" is \$96,824

The most expensive item in the list in the song, "The 12 days of Christmas is a whopping \$6,294.03 to hire 9 ladies dancing. That's an increase of 15% from the previous year.

The Sermon on the Mount

Chronologically the Sermon on the Mount
would be John 5 and 6

John 5 Jesus healed the man in Jerusalem

John 6 Jesus is back in Galilee feeding the 5,000

Between those two events, is this

Sermon on the Mount

God's Presents for Us

Matthew 6:25

1. The gift of care-free living

Vs.25 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?

Don't worry means to stop an action already going on

He says it five times in this passage

1. The Gift of Care-Free Living

Vs. 28 “And why do you **worry** about clothes?

Vs. 31 “So don’t **worry** about these things, saying,
‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What
will we wear?’”

Vs. 34 Therefore do not **worry** about tomorrow,
for tomorrow will **worry** about itself. Each day
has enough trouble of its own.”

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The Greek meaning for worry means to rip, tear,
or to divide the mind.

James 1:8

A double minded man is unstable in all his ways

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Vs.25 “That is why I tell you not to worry about
everyday life

We are not to worry about the external physical
temporal life

William Ends, Worry is interest paid on trouble
before its due.”

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A Google search for anxiety revealed
61 million two hundred thousand hits

Philippians 4

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Vs. 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?

A University of Wisconsin Study Revealed

40% of all the things we worry about never
happen

30% of the things we worry about are things
from the past

12% of what we worry about are typically
criticisms made by other people toward us most
of which are untrue

A University of Wisconsin Study Revealed

10% are worries about our health

8% of the things we worry about in life are
legitimate

“Worry is like a rocking chair it gives you
something to do but it doesn’t take you
anywhere”

Proverbs 14:30

A heart at peace gives life to the body

2. The Gift of Gracious Provision

Matthew 6:25 “Therefore”

vs.24 - No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

2. The Gift of Gracious Provision

Ps.24

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.
The world and all its people belong to him.

Everything that you have you don't have

2. The Gift of Gracious Provision

Romans 8:32

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

2. The Gift of Gracious Provision

God gives us, (1) the necessities of life and (2)
clothing

Psalm 37:5

Once I was young, and now I am old. Yet I have never seen the godly abandoned or their children begging for bread.

2. The Gift of Gracious Provision

Philippians 4:19

And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 6: 28-29

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.

2. The Gift of Gracious Provision

What were you worried about one year ago today?

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.”

2. The Gift of Gracious Provision

Does the Christian belief affect my way of life?

³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

³² For after all these things the Gentiles see for Your Heavenly Father knows that you need all things

2. The Gift of Gracious Provision

Blessed is the person who is too busy to worry in the daytime and too tired to worry at night

3. Supervised Trouble

Vs.34- Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things.

Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble.

I Corinthians 10:13- God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

3. Supervised Trouble

Lamentations 3:23

Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

Every morning when you wake up you are greeted with God's mercy

A Few Things to Walk Away With

1. Realize that God wants your life to be freed from the shackle of care and worry
2. Exercise a thankful heart for the presence of God and the presents of God which are his provision

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3. Personalize God's care during this next week

4. Prioritize what it is to make as your life's
priority

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his
righteousness, and all these things will be given
to you as well.