

**Introduction:** *The theme of our passage is the faithfulness of God...He can be trusted to meet all our needs.*

1. The Context is vital—the word therefore in vs. 25 points to the whole preceding passage, vs. 19-24...
2. Premise: We do not have to worry... *II Timothy 1:7*

**I. The Problems of Worry Defined and Illustrated**

**A. *Do not be anxious is an emphatic imperative...*** vs. 25, 27, 28, 31, 34

**B. *It's a relevant imperative...*** worry contradicts faith... *Romans 14:23*

**C. *It's a Christian imperative...*** see *Matthew 5:1-2*

**D. *Worry is not the same thing as even handed self disciplined care over the future...***

1. There is a godly and right way to prepare for the future...

*Proverbs 6:6; Genesis 41:47-49*

2. God calls us to be wise and industrious...

*II Thessalonians 3:10; II Corinthians 12:14; Proverbs 13:22; 19:14; 21:5, 20; 22:7; 24:3-4; Matthew 25:27; Luke 16:9-13*

3. Jesus is speaking against those not trusting in God—

a. It's irrational...

b. It denies God's attributes...

**Lesson:** We all struggle with this...we should remember God's promises, like *Psalm 32:8*

**E. *Jesus Argues for Faith Against Worry by...***

1. Pointing to the real issues... vs. 25

2. Teaching it detracts from the glory of God...*I Corinthians 10:31*

a. We miss God's pleasure in providing for us...*Luke 12:4-7 cf. Matthew 6:26; I Peter 5:7; Romans 8:32, 35; 38-39...*

b. Worry is useless... vs. 27 *Psalm 39:4-7*

c. Worry is faithless... vs. 28-31

d. Worry is worldly... vs. 32

e. Worry makes light of God's understanding compassion... vs. 32b

**II. The Alternative to Worry Directed... vs. 33**

**A. *Seek God first...***

1. His kingdom... *Acts 20:24*

2. His righteousness... *Romans 8:32*

**B. *Live by Faith Today...***

1. God's faithfulness is new every day... *Lamentations 3:22-23*

2. God's Faithfulness is timely... vs. 34 see *Proverbs 30:8-9*

**Application:**