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Matthew 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. 25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

- One stage of your life is now over and behind you
- You step out today into adult life
- The transition may be slow but you still are more responsible every day for your own decisions
- What you decide to do today will greatly affect the rest of your life
- You might sneak off and sin and feel like you can because you are an adult now
- You might think that you will walk away from the God of your parents and the church
- You may be very proud of the fact that you can make more of your own decisions now
- Here are some Biblical things you need to consider
- The following will be blunt and in your face but I doubt you can deny that I will simply be saying what the passage says
- You are an adult so live life right
- Follow what your parents have taught you
- This church, your youth group and leaders, those that have discipled you have tried to prepare you for this day
- More than that live out the life that Christ has put in you
- So as an adult sit still and listen to me
- Think through what God has to say
- This is it, no more putting off those adult decisions. It is your time now

1. You have to decide now 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.
 - a. You are stepping out into adult life
 - b. You will soon be making your own choices
 - c. There will be pressure put on you to try and walk in two worlds but that is impossible
 - i. You must choose who and what you will serve with your life
 - ii. You can choose money and material goods but you will have to hate God to do that
 - iii. You will have to hold on to your money and things more than anything else

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- iv. You will have to despise God and the things of God
 - 1. When there are opportunities to choose you will choose your money, your job, your security over God
 - 2. You will think in terms of this world and what is important instead of that world and what is important
 - d. God is calling on you to choose Him above all else
 - e. He wants you to realize that no matter how many people think that they can balance God and money that they can't
 - f. The choice may not seem clear to you but it is to God
 - g. He says you will choose how you feel about Him by this choice

- 2. Everything in this world will try to get you to think about the wrong things
 - a. Jesus told them not to think about their life 25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?
 - i. He commanded them to not think about food, drink, clothing, housing, etc
 - ii. He wanted them to know that life was more than food and clothes
 - iii. The words are "no thought" not some thought
 - iv. Actually what regular people think about was not to even enter into their minds
 - v. He wanted people to know that He was first, foremost, the only One that deserved our attention
 - b. Jesus is not talking to pastors here. This is the sermon on the mount.
 - i. He is talking to the multitude, the crowd, regular people
 - ii. Those that would listen to Him and follow Him would be totally different than those that chose to despise Him
 - iii. Remember that you will express your opinion about Him by what you think about
 - iv. It is either Him or money and material goods
 - c. He was reminding them that God took care of the birds and that those that loved Jesus were much more important to God 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?
 - d. The truth is that if you focus on you then you will be limited to what you can do 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?
 - i. The truth is that you can't make that big of a difference even in your own life
 - ii. God can take care of you
 - iii. God can be responsible for you or you can be responsible for yourself
 - e. Why would you even think about clothing 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:
 - i. Do you not see how God takes care of His own
 - ii. He takes care of plants and animals so He can take care of you
 - iii. Isn't it true that the reason you will be thinking of you is that you do not trust Him to do so 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?
 - 1. Isn't the reason you and all those around you want you to focus on you because we don't really trust God

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2. Could it be true that when you can't trust God you can trust money and material goods?
 3. Wouldn't that education, that job, that security you can get for yourself better serve you than just putting Jesus first
- f. Jesus to take no thought 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
- i. Notice how His discussion has moved
 1. He said Take no thought
 2. Why do you take thought
 3. Listen to me now and take no thought
 - ii. Don't lose focus.
 - iii. Wanting things is a form of idolatry
 - iv. You have to choose what and who you will serve
3. Get the context of all these things 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
- a. Gentiles or pagans, lost people want all the same things
 - i. Put that in context, we are not one of those who do not believe in God
 - ii. You do not want to think like someone that is of this world and does not know God
 - b. Your heavenly Father knows you need all these things
 - i. God is not asking you to not have these things
 - ii. He is not saying that you are to never have
 - iii. He just wants you to know that He knows what you need
 - iv. He is making it clear that He will provide for you
 - c. If you get your priorities right He will provide all these things 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
 - i. He wants to add them to a life dedicated to Him and His causes
 - ii. He wants you to love Him and hold on to Him while you hate, despise, the things that gets this world's attention
 - iii. He knows what you need
 - iv. He wants you to have what you need
 - v. He just wants you to know that He is God and comes first
 - d. He doesn't want you to even worry about tomorrow 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.
 - i. He is the God of now, the great I AM
 - ii. He gives daily bread
 - iii. He meets your needs as you need them
 - iv. He will take care of today
 - v. He will take care of tomorrow as soon as it gets here

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4. So what is your next step 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
 - a. Decide now that every decision you make will be made around this thought
 - b. I want to do what God wants me to do
 - c. I will not think about anything without making sure He is the first and last of my thoughts
 - d. I will dedicate my life to whatever can be done to further His kingdom and His causes
 - e. I will not be a part time Christian and servant of God
 - f. I will not despise, hate, or hold on to things when I have God loving me
 - g. I will make it clear to myself, my family, and the world that God is everything in my life
- You do not have to be a missionary or full time Christian worker
- You do have to put Jesus first
- There is no room for part time Christians anywhere in the Scriptures
- There is no room for making the excuse God hasn't called me to go to the mission field
- Whatever you do with your life you should be consumed with getting the gospel to the world
- Your life should be making a difference
- You should say no matter what I am going to do with my life I know that I will seek Him first
- I will seek His kingdom
- I will seek His righteousness
- I will use my life to make a complete difference in the world by the grace of God
- You must decide that your life is not yours to live but His to be lived for His glory
- Make this verse the guiding light in your life and all your decisions 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- Decide now to put your life on the altar and 100% at His disposal

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