

Choose a Focus

Message Handout

Matthew 6:24–34 (NLT) — **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 God and be enslaved to money. **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? **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.

1. Choose ONE Master

1. Not a singular person can have two masters.
2. The options
 1. **Sin - Romans 6:16 (NLT)** — 16 Don’t you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.
 2. **Flesh - Romans 8:6–7 (NIV)** — 6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. 7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so.
 3. **People - Galatians 1:10 (NIV)** — 10 Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.
 4. **Money - Matthew 6:24 (NLT)** — 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 God and be enslaved to money.

2. Choose ONE Outlook

1. The Outlook of Fear
 1. Worry
 2. Striving
 3. Wrong priorities

4. False Security
2. The Outlook of Faith
 1. Trust
 2. Peace
 3. Freedom
 4. True wealth

3. Choose ONE Kingdom

1. What is the Kingdom of God? - "GOD IN CHARGE"
2. What is the Kingdom of this world? - "PEOPLE IN CHARGE"
3. Seek First the Kingdom of God
4. Practically
 1. People Saved - Harvest
 2. People Discipled - Demonstrators of the Kingdom
 3. People Sent - Multiplication