



MATTHEW 6:25-27 NIV

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

MATTHEW 6:28-30 NIV

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?"

MATTHEW 6:31-32 NIV "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them."



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"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."



Seeking God's Righteousness

MATTHEW 5:6, 10 NIV

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled... ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Seeking God's Righteousness

MATTHEW 5:20 NIV

"For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven."

MATTHEW 6:1 NIV Seeking God's "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be Righteousness seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven."

Make material needs your primary goal, and you may miss everything. Make the Kingdom your goal, and you get everything.

Why do believers go hungry?

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1 JOHN 3:16-18 NIV

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

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EPHESIANS 4:28 NIV

Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

Poverty and Riches

\$26,500

\$50,000

\$42,101

\$5.50

\$18 per day per person (Family of 4)

Top 2% of the world's income

Annual Income Top 1% in the world

Avg. household income in NWA 2021

3.4 billion people live on this per day

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2 THESSALONIANS 3:8-10 NIV

...nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."

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MATTHEW 5:10 NIV

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2 CORINTHIANS 6:4-5 NIV

Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; ⁵ in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger...

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PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 NIV Do 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.