

DEVOTIONAL STUDY FORM

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Passage: Luke 12:22-26

Prayer

X (check when done)

Meditation

My personalized paraphrase

I shouldn't worry so much. God will take care of all my needs. Since God gave me my life, surely I can trust him to sustain it. I can learn from the example of the birds: they don't worry about the future. God takes care of them on a *daily* basis. And if God takes care of the birds, of course he will take care of me! Besides, worrying never does me any good. It never changes the situation. So what's the use of worrying? NONE!!

Command to obey: *Don't Worry* (v. 22)

Promise to claim: *God will take care of me* (v. 24)

Application

(Personal, Possible, Practical, Provable)

I need to apply this lesson in the area of my debt. My debt is an expression of my mistrust of God. I have purchased things that God did not think I needed, or he would've provided them for me. In emergency situations, I relied on the ways of man (money fixes everything) to overcome those problems.

For the next month (I'll take this one month at a time), every time the devil tempts me to rely on myself and use our credit cards, I'll resist the thought by praying Luke 12:24 back to God, affirming that He will meet all my needs.

Memorization

Luke 12:24

"Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!"