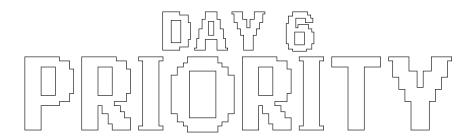
PHRSH WEEK





Matthew 6:25-34 NLT

"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? 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? Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? "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, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. 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?

"So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own

worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.

OBSERVATION

God desires to come first in every area of your life. When you put God in His proper place and prioritize His Kingdom over the things of the world He promises to "meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus" (*Philippians 4:19 NIV*). If you find yourself caught up in worry, ask the Holy Spirit to help you reorder your priorities today. Place your trust in Him and step into the wide open spacious life God has for you.

APPLICATION

- 1. Reflecting on your life, what are your priorities?
- 2. Are there areas you have yet to put God first? How about your relationships, time, finances, career or dreams? What steps do you need to take to put God first in these areas?
- 3. Is there a leader in your world whose life reflects one of Godly priority? What can you learn from them? Have you talked with them about growth in this way?

PRAYER

God, my Source and Provider, today I put you first in my life. Thank you for the assurance that you love me, care for me, and have my best interest at heart. Help me to place you in the position of first priority, believing that as I seek you, you are working everything together for my good. I know that you're a loving and generous father who knows my heart's desires and will always meet my deepest needs. Amen.

PRAYER FOCUS

- For revelation of the majesty and glory of God
- For the Holy Spirit to reveal any area I need to fix my priorities
- For miracles of provision in and through the lives of people in our community
- For innovation in ideas for Kingdom advancement through the mission of our church

BLESSING

For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will fill you with joy. Wise choices will watch over you. Understanding will keep you safe.

-Proverbs 2:10-11 NLT