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Don't Worry; Be Happy

[Matthew 6:25-34](#)

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The order not to fear may be one of the most reiterated commands in Scripture, but it is probably the least obeyed.

Don't Worry Be Happy by Bobby McFerrin comes to mind. His “don't worry, be happy” philosophy -- give no mind to tomorrow and do what feels good today -- refers to instant gratification. But what Jesus wants us to do is to turn our worries over wealth and the material things in life toward reliance on God.

Verse 24 helps me gain a better perspective to the “Do Not Worry” passage. In the NIV it reads, *“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”*

What if the warning here is the replacement of one master with another? Shouldn't the declaration that wealth is not lord but Jesus Christ is Lord be made?

Isn't the goal recognizing who governs the cosmos? That the one who created the grass, lilies, and birds would one day be pierced to renew them.

Shouldn't we align ourselves with those who are working toward the day when all creation sings in perfect harmony the creator's praise?

Who is in control? Jesus is inviting us into God's realm where priorities are straight. If we are committed to wealth, we will worry. However, we should be operating out of God's vision for us doing God's work, leaving us with no room or need for worry. God is in control.

We are not alone. God sees, hears, and cares about us and our situations. Don't worry, be happy because God is in control.

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, help us to realign our minds and hearts to make you our priority over material things and wealth. Help us to remember that you are in control and through you nothing is impossible. Amen.*

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