

# Kingdom Living: The Simplicity of the Carefree Life

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## 1. Matters of Value and Allegiance

### a. Portfolio Evaluation

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

“It is not merely a question of ultimate rewards. It is much more than that, for the things we treasure actually govern our lives. What we value tugs at our minds and emotions; it consumes our time with planning, day-dreaming and effort to achieve...we tend to move toward the object on which we fix our gaze. In the same way, our whole lives drift relentlessly to the spot where our treasures are stored, because our hearts will take us there.” *D. A. Carson*

### b. A Singular Mastery

“No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

“The spell of materialism is hard to break...This topic confronts us with fresh urgency in our generation...Responsible Christians are uneasy about affluence and are seeking to develop a simple lifestyle which is appropriate both in face of world need and out of loyalty to their Master’s teaching and example.” John Stott

## 2. Symptomatic Worry

Therefore, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?

-worry is a byproduct of vesting in losable things, a symptom of misplaced treasures

“Be not anxious! Earthly possessions dazzle our eyes and delude us into thinking that they can provide security and freedom from anxiety. Yet all the time they are the very source of all anxiety. If our hearts are set on them, our reward is an anxiety whose burden is intolerable.” Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“The more we have of what we think will make us secure the more we feel the need to protect it.” Darrell Johnson

### a. Look at the Birds

“And as for the birds, it is not so much that birds do not work. They are among the busiest citizens of our world. Some...are observed to work *very hard*. We too should work, and sometimes *very hard*.” Dallas Willard

6:4 your Father who sees what is done in secret

6:6 pray to your Father who is *unseen*. Then your Father who sees what is done in secret

6:8 for your Father *knows* what you need before you ask

6:18 only to your Father who is *unseen*. Then you’re Father, who sees what is done in secret

### b. Prioritization of Searching

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you.