

The Christian and the 21st Century: Lesson Eight

1. In Luke 12:22, what does Jesus instruct His disciples not to do? How does He explain this in Luke 12:23? What are the implications of this statement?
2. What illustration does Jesus introduce in 12:24? What does He say about these creatures? How does He compare them to us? In 12:25, what does He ask? In 12:26, what follow up question does He ask? What should this teach us about anxiety?
3. What second illustration appears in 12:27? According to Jesus, what is true of the subject of this illustration? What rhetorical question does He ask in 12:28? To what does He attribute anxiety? Why is this true?
4. In 12:29, what does Jesus discourage? What does this mean? According to 12:30, who engages in this practice? What does 12:30 reveal about God? What does 12:31 promise? In practice, what does this mean for us?
5. What advice does David give us in Psalm 37:1? In 37:2, how does he explain? Can Christians struggle with this today? If so, how?
6. What five activities does David endorse in 37:3-4? According to 37:4, what will God do in answer? Does this mean that we can use godliness to bribe God into giving us what we want? If not, what does it mean? How is this a cure for fretfulness?
7. What does David tell us to do in 37:5? According to 37:5-6, what will the results be? How does this again illustrate the conflict between anxiety and faith?
8. According to 37:7, what should we do? What shouldn't we do? Does this make conceptual sense? Is it easy to practice? Why or why not?
9. What final warning does David give in 37:8? Why? What promise does he make in 37:9? What problem with anxiety does this pinpoint? Why is this a problem?
10. What situation does Luke 10:38 describe? What two contrasting patterns of behavior appear in 10:39-40? Are there times in our lives when we are given a similar choice? If so, when?
11. In 10:40, what does Martha ask? In 10:41-42, how does Jesus describe her? What does He say about Mary? What can we learn from His words here?
12. According to Philippians 4:6, what are we not supposed to do? What are we supposed to do instead? According to 4:7, what result will this have? How do we put this passage into practice?

