

YES&NO

1. Some people might describe me as a “worry wart.”
2. People worry more about what they cannot see than what they can.
3. God would rather us be relaxed than successful.
4. We should wait for God to provide our food, drink and clothing and not try to prepare for our daily needs.
5. God want us to have just enough to get by, so that we'll stay focused on Him.

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DIG DEEP

READ: Matthew 6:25-32 (NIV)

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”

28 “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

∞ What have you been told that Jesus is trying to express here?

- Is he calling his followers to be:

- ° unemployed?
- ° laid back?
- ° unprepared?
- ° lazy?
- ° or something altogether different?

» Jesus' fun wordplay:

« worry (μεριμνᾶτε) -

« greater than/less than -

« birds of the air (τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ) -

« add a single hour/cubit (προσθεῖναι ἐπὶ τὴν ἡλικίαν αὐτοῦ πῆχυν ἓνα) -

« flowers of the field (τὰ κρίνα τοῦ ἀγροῦ) -

« labor or spin (οὐ κοπιῶσιν οὐδὲ νήθουσιν) -

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