

AT THE WHEEL – WHATS DRIVING YOUR LIFE? PART 2

“THE VOICE OF FEAR”

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INTRODUCTION

- Jesus is very specific about fear.
- We often divide life into two categories:
 - Spiritual and Material
- Jesus teaches that what we do with the material reveals something deeply spiritual about us.
- Fear is not the absence of trust. It is trust in the wrong thing.

I. CHOOSE YOUR MASTER

- Jesus teaches the new way to live in His Kingdom
- The King's Principles for Living.
- Kingdom Investment - Matthew 6:19-21, “Don’t store up treasures here on earth...²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven...²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.”
- What has your attention will eventually have your heart.
- Fear grows wherever our heart is overinvested in things that can fail.
- Don't Be deceived - Matthew 6:22-23, “Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body...when your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness...!”
- Who Owns You? - Matthew 6:24, “No one can serve two masters...You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.”
- Fear turns good gifts into rival masters.
- Jesus' main concern is not wealth itself, but loyalty.

II. ARE YOU YOUR PROVIDER?

- Worry and anxiety – usually bi-products of fear.
- Fear is trust in the wrong thing.
- Matthew 6:25-30, “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life...²⁷ Can all your worries add a single moment to

your life?...He will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?”

- Most of our desires are driven by want that shields us from being honest about our needs, which are usually incurable by getting what we want!
- Lies distract and distance us from the truth – Your Father is present, loving, and providing for you – always.
- The resurrection calls us to see our fear through Jesus' victory, not to see Jesus through our fears.

III. A LITTLE MORE WORRY

- Matthew 6:31-34, “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ ...³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need...”
- Fear enslaves the heart by tempting us to love security more than God.
- The Right Perspective refuses to let money, possessions, and material concern take first place.
- When fear is in the driver's seat, we are trusting what we can save, control, accumulate, and predict.
- Worry pulls us between trust and control.
- Fear says God may not provide. Protect yourself.
- Jesus says: Your Father knows, sees, and cares.
- We play a role in our own Peace, and Provision.

CLOSE

- Fear is not the absence of trust; it is trust pointed in the wrong direction.
- Matthew 7:7-11, “...¹¹ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask Him.”
- Philippians 4:4-7 NLT, “...⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace...His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”