

Matthew 6:27-30

Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

When it comes to prayer and seeking the Lord on things, what are some of those things we pray for? Maybe a healing, or a job, or _____? You fill in the blank with those things you ask the Lord for.

Now don't worry, this devotional is not at all telling you it's bad to pray for these things, because it's not. In fact, it's the opposite; it's more of an encouragement to include the Lord in more of your every day decisions.

Think about it, when it comes to getting married, where you will live, what car or, what house you will buy, or what apartment you will rent, where you will go to lunch or dinner at, even something as simple as what you will wear, do we include the Lord in all these things? Well, maybe the big decision like whom you will marry or what house you should buy, but we leave Him out of the little everyday decisions. But we need to realize that the Lord cares about these things more than we do.

“Really Steve, God cares about what I wear today, isn't that going a little overboard?”

I don't think so: *Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you?*

We tend to forget that the Lord cares about every aspect of our lives, and He is not just a God of the hard things that come up, but He is the God of all our everyday needs. He wants to be a part of how we dress today, where we will go to eat, who we will talk to, etc...

What if your spouse only talked to you when there are financial issues, like you don't have enough money to pay the bills, but when it's time to go see a movie or go out to dinner, you just go without even asking him or her what they wanted and not even caring if they tag along or not? That's how we treat the Lord when we don't include Him in every aspect of our lives.

Now you may ask the Lord where you should go to eat lunch today, and He may be silent, meaning, go wherever you would like to today and enjoy your meal. But on the other hand there may be times where you were thinking of going to this place, but you

ask the Lord and He puts within you to go to a different place instead. Why? Maybe because there is someone you need to run into that needs your wisdom or prayers, or needs to hear about Jesus. Or maybe it's simply to keep you from getting food poisoning?

To call Jesus Lord of your life means He has control of every aspect of your life, not just those big decisions, like who you will marry, or what car or house you will buy, but also what we consider normal everyday decisions as well.

This week, just try it out and see if your week and weekend is better because you included the Lord in everything, and maybe even see why His choices were better than your choices.

† **Mark 11:24 (MSG)** *That's why I urge you to pray for absolutely everything, ranging from small to large. Include everything as you embrace this God-life, and you'll get God's everything.*