THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

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"LIFE, ACCORDING TO WHO?" – PART 2

THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Greed, Idolatry, Worry, Selfishness

Luke 12:13-34

:22 Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not **worry** about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. **:23** Life is more than food, and the body *is more* than clothing. **:24** Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? **:25** And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? **:26** If you then are not able to do *the* least, why are you **anxious** for the rest? **:27 Consider** the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. **:28** If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more *will He clothe* you, O *you* of little faith? **:29** "And do not **seek** what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an **anxious mind :30** For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. **:31 But** seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. **:32** "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. **:33** Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. **:34** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

LIFE, ACCORDING TO WHO?

In part One of this message, we looked at the Question of…

1.) What defines your life? v.13-21

Verse 15c

Because for one's life does not **consist**
in the abundance of the things he possesses."

1a.) Is it in the "things" that you own?

1b.) Is it in the "volume" of what you have?

1c.) Is it in the "dreams" of what can be?

1d.) Is it in the "god" of your making?

Greed can never get enough
and Worry is its wages.

Life, According To Who?

2.) What controls your life? v.22-26

it is impossible in this life to be completely
free of concerns and burdens.
but it is possible to be free from worry and anxiety.

concerns and burdens are natives to responsibility.
but worry and anxiety is an unhealthy assumption.

2a.) Is it the temporal things? v.22

:22 Then He said **to His disciples**, "**Therefore** I say to you, **do not worry** about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. **:23** Life is more than food, and the body *is more* than clothing.

Note This;
Jesus is Not speaking to the crowd now. He is not addressing the Pharisees
He's speaking to His followers, the disciples

Verse 14,16

:14 But Jesus said ***to him***, - **:16** Then He spoke a parable ***to them***

:22 Then He said ***to His disciples***

Why? Because worry can undo
everything that a disciple has learned.

Is it the temporal things that control you?

these things that - - fade, rust, break, wear out, and are ***eliminated!***

2 Peter 3:11-12
Therefore, since all **these things** will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in **(things that will last forever)** holy conduct and godliness, :**12** looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God,

we're to eat food to stay alive and useful
– not for pleasure

we're to wear clothes to stay cool or warm to be useful
– not for pleasure.

The Lord is saying, **do not worry** about; your life,
from cradle to grave ***– that's God's business!***

Like a Shuttle Lift Off

Reading verses 22-23 in the reverse can help.
if clothing and food are your life, then your life will be marked by worry.

WHAT CONTROLS YOUR LIFE?

2b.) Is it the common things v.24

Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; **and God feeds them**. Of how much more value are you than the birds?

Verse 17-18

This is the Answer to the Fools Question;

you don't need bigger barns, you need to be fluid with God.

an overabundance of things will result in us to hold things as common.

Birds are 100% dependent upon the Lord to feed them,
yet they never go hungry.
(that is anything but common)

The Lord is Always Providing

Our God Is Anything But Common

you cannot pick up your Bible and read anything common

Is it your job that controls you?
Is it your calendar or PDA that dictates your life?
You're a Christian First before you're a school teacher,

'" but Jack, I "commonly" get up and go to work'"
that's only true if you have no life outside of commonality.

John 10:10
I have come that they may have **life**, and that they may have it more **abundantly**.

What Controls Your Life?

2c.) Is it the unrealistic things v.25-26

And which of you **by worrying** can add one cubit to his stature?
:26 If you then are not able to do *the* least, why are you **anxious** for the rest?

It Is Completely Unrealistic to Worry.

What Is Worry?
Worry is assuming a responsibility that was not intended to be yours

It's Equal to a Parent telling their child that the Interest Rates are Going up.
"one more rate hike Johnny and we're finished, do you understand,
ruined, we'll be on the streets…

the human being was not designed to worry. worry will physically kill you.

1 Peter 5:6-7
Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, :**7 casting all your care upon Him**, for He cares for you.

Casting / ejpirjrJi÷ptw
to toss, to throw, to heave the weight away from you.

I want you to go out and buy a pillow or bean bag.
every time you catch yourself worrying, throw the pillow or bean bag to Jesus.

Life, According To WHO?

3.) What energizes your life? v.27-30

3a.) Is it your faith in God? v.27-28

:27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. **:28** If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more *will He clothe* you, O *you* of little faith?

Consider katanoe÷w kat-a-n-o-eh´-o;
to study, to observe fully, to discover.

Psalm 46:10
Be still, and **know** (**yada**) that I *am* God…

Our Faith Grows (if) or (when) We Consider…

Romans 10:17
So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

it's the Lord who **energizes** the growth of a flower.
(it's God's will that flowers grow)

have you ever heard a plant straining to produce a flower?
have you ever seen an orange tree sweating to push out an orange?

And You Are More Important Than Flowers!
(it's God's will that you grow too)

What Energizes Your LIFE?

3b.) Is it your trust in God? v.29-30a

:29 "And **do not seek** what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an **anxious** mind. **:30a** For all these things the nations of the world seek after,

People Who Don't Know The Lord – Have No God To Go To
they're on their own in this world and they've got to do what they think they gotta do.

Do not seek
literally; do not be independent of God.

because (self) seeking causes anxiety

Philippians 4:6-7
Be **anxious** for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanks-giving, let your requests be made known to God; **:7** and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Proverbs 3:5-6
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And **lean not** on your own understanding; :**6** In all your ways **acknowledge Him**, And He shall direct your paths.

Matthew 6:8
For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

Verse 30a

:30a For **all these things** the nations of the world seek after,

it's been said that;
"worrying insults God and defies reality."

worry stacks tomorrow's burdens
on top of today's realities.

What Energizes Your LIFE?

3c.) Is it your hope in God? v.30b

your **Father** knows that you need these things.

Jesus said this to His disciples, those who followed Him.

"Your **Father** knows"
I Cannot Think of a Greater "Hope Builder" than That.

Your Father Knows, Your Dad Knows Everything.

Hope is a powerful reality

This was, is a Radical Announcement by Jesus
"God is Your Father, And Father has a Family,
And That Family is Loved by the Father."

Last Week Rosie O'Donnell Said
That Radical Islam is as Dangerous as Radical Christianity

God Loves You, Jesus Died for You, You Can Get a New Life. And He Wants You to Be His Child –
Yep, That's Radical – That's Christianity Rosie O'Donnell

Life, According To Who?

4.) What occupies your life? v.31-34

4a.) Is it the pursuit of God? v.31

But seek the kingdom of God
and all these things shall be added to you.

The word "but" here Has a powerful meaning – in contrast to

It's Going to Take an Effort on Your Part

(I cannot do that for you)

Hebrews 11:6
But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him,* for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who **diligently** seek Him.

Proverbs 8:17
I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me.

Jeremiah 29:13
And you will seek Me and find *Me,* when you search for Me with all your heart.

Verse 31b

and all **these things** shall be added to you.

the things you and I need, He will provide.

But Is That Good Enough for You?

Matthew 5:6
Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

Psalm 37:4
Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

What Occupies Your Life?

4b.) Is it the prize of eternal life? v.32

"Do not fear, little flock,
for it is your Father's good pleasure to **give you** the kingdom.

"**Do not fear**, little flock, (stop worrying about this…)

John 3:15-16
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but **have** eternal life. **:16** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but **have** everlasting life.

The "Heaven" of the Bible
is a place of perfect joy, perfect peace, perfect love, perfection

Psalm 16:11
You will show me the path of life; In Your presence *is* fullness of joy; At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.

Romans 6:23
For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is **eternal life** through Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 10:27-28
My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. **:28** And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

1 John 1:2
(For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that **eternal life**, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

1 John 2:25
And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life.

1 John 5:13
These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.

1 John 5:20
And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Psalm 27:4
One *thing* I have desired of the LORD,
That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD
All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD,
And to inquire in His temple.

"Do not fear, (stop being overwhelmed) little flock,

for it is your Father's good pleasure to **give you the kingdom**.

I Know Something About You,
That You May Not Know About Yourself.

You want to be in heaven more than you think you do

I've Got Good News
you don't have to blow yourself up to get to heaven

(Islam teaches that your chances of reaching heaven are increased by religious suicide)

It's **HIS** Pleasure to give
It's His **PLEASURE** to give
It's His Pleasure to **GIVE**

Thank You Lord God, Thank You Jesus // It's My Pleasure Jack

What Occupies Your LIFE?

4c.) Is it the desire of heaven? v.33-34

Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the **heavens** that does not fail,
where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. **:34** For where your **treasure** is, there your **heart** will be also.

Note This;
true giving and generosity proves
that worry has been defeated.

you cannot be a worrier and a giver.

do you know a generous person?
that's someone who's not worrying about their own things.

Verse 33

Sell what you have and give alms;
lit. "sell your abundance, your stuff, your access
and convert it into heavenly currency.

What's so big about Heaven?

every day heaven should be more **desirable**,
more and more **practical**,
more and more our **home**…

WHAT OCCUPIES YOUR LIFE?

4c.) Is it the desire of heaven? v.34

For where your **treasure** is, there your **heart** will be also.

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NEW YORK: Gisele is the world's richest model, and to stay that way she is insisting that she be paid in almost any currency but the U.S. dollar. Like the billionaire investors Warren Buffett and Bill Gross, Gisele, the Brazilian supermodel told Forbes magazine that she will join the growing list of investors who have concluded that the American dollar can only depreciate because Americans are living beyond their means and in such great debt. When Gisele, 27, signed a contract in August to represent Pantene hair products for Procter & Gamble, she demanded payment in euros only, "Contracts starting now are more attractive in euros because we don't know what will happen to the U.S. dollar," Her concern is warranted. The U.S. dollar has fallen 34 percent September 11th. 2001, but traders and forecasters say it will weaken even more as U.S. home sales fall and the Federal Reserve cuts interest rates. The

dollar has plummeted to its lowest level ever last week against the euro, the Canadian dollar and the Chinese yuan and was at the lowest level in 26 years against the pound. The dollar is falling as investors can obtain better returns outside the United States and away from the dollar. "We've told all of our clients that if you only had one idea, one investment, it would be to buy an investment in a nondollar currency," said Gross, the chief investment officer of Pacific Investment Management in Newport Beach, California, manager of the world's biggest bond fund. Jim Rogers, a former business partner of George Soros said last month that he was selling his homes and all his possessions that are in the U.S. currency. "The dollar is collapsing," Rogers said when he announced last week. that he was moving to Asia, "I am moving to Asia because by moving there now I will be positioning myself as those who once moved to New York in 1907 or London in 1807. Leaving the United States is the wave of the future."

Psalm 27:4
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Your Heart is a Pretty Small Thing

there's not much room in there.

Luke 21:34
"But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be **weighed down (occupied or filled)** with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.

A Christian Delights

in what delights the Lord. His pleasure becomes our pleasure.
and we can be glad, pleased, filled with joy over this…

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