

First Church of God

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Sermon Outline

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"Facing the Future"
Matthew 6: 34

INTRODUCTION

(Matthew 6: 34) – "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Worry = To feel uneasy about some uncertain matter. To feel anxious.

Anxiety = A state of uneasiness and distress about future uncertainties.

Key: Do not be fooled that your **wealth** will get you through.

I. FIVE ATTITUDES ABOUT THE FUTURE. WHICH IS YOURS?

1. A **no care, worldly** attitude.
2. A **fretful, anxious** attitude.
3. A **fearful, panicky** attitude.
4. A **self, assured** attitude.

Philippians 3:19.; Hebrews 13: 5 a

5. A **calm and God centered** attitude.

Matthew 6:33 "Seek first **His kingdom** and **His righteousness**, and all these things will be given to you."

II. FACING THE FUTURE WITH CONCERNS

Proverbs 27:1-2

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth. Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; someone else, and not your own lips.

Two Important Concerns:

1. **Arrogance**

Luke 12:20

"But God said to him, 'You fool!' This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then you will get what you have prepared for yourself.'" His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you."

2. **Ignorance**

Luke 12:20 – Parable of the Rich Fool. Jesus Saying:

1. **Your** life may be required and demanded from you tonight.
2. **Wealth** is not a permanent possession (someone else gets it).

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Amos 4:12

"Therefore this is what I will do to you, Israel, and because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel."

III. Face the Future with Confidence Three Confident Steps

Step 1. Walk humbly before the Lord.
Micah 6:8

"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

God Requires of You To:

1. **Act** justly
2. **Love** mercy.
3. **Walk** humbly with your God.

Questions

- Are you fair in your dealings with people?
- Do you show mercy to those who do you wrong?
- Are you learning humility?

STEP 2:

DEPEND ON GOD'S GUIDANCE.

KEY:

AS CHRISTIANS, WE DO NOT NEED TO
WORRY ABOUT THE FUTURE, AS LONG AS
WE **HAVE** GOD!

STEP 3:

SERVE TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

PROVERBS 27:2

“LET ANOTHER PRAISE YOU, AND NOT YOUR
OWN MOUTH; SOMEONE ELSE, AND NOT
YOUR OWN LIPS.”

I CORINTHIANS 10:31

“SO WHATEVER YOU EAT OR DRINK OR
WHATEVER YOU DO, DO IT ALL FOR THE
GLORY OF GOD.”

CONCLUSION:

I TRUST YOU ... JESUS!