Anxious-less: Principle # 5 Prioritize. Matthew 6:31-33.

How does Jesus free his followers from the tyranny of anxiety? Jesus' pathway to anxious-less living gives his disciples a choice between...

- I. The limited perception of the temporal pursuits of the flesh: The natural way of the flesh, the world, and the devil Matthew 6:31-32.
 - a. The three "whats" that the temporary self-centered life pursues: food, drink, clothing (cf. Ephesians 2:1-3,1 John 2:16-17, James 4:13-5:6).
 - b. Jesus' command: "Therefore do not be anxious" our conscious decision to rearrange our lives preparing for the Kingdom's extraordinary: who will be in control of our present in view of our past and our future? (cf. Israel's experience in the Exodus, Exodus 16:16-30, Deuteronomy 8:1-6).
- II. The extraordinary pursuit and supreme value of the Kingdom and the righteousness of God Matthew 6:33
 - a. The extraordinary omniscience of God at work in the ordinary to set us free for the extraordinary "your Father knows" (Psalm 139).
 - b. God's extraordinary: God's Kingdom and his righteousness.

There is no room for anxiety Where God's kingdom is first priority Seek God's kingdom first.

- 1. Are the limited pursuits of the flesh constantly keeping you from growing into the extraordinary calling of God's kingdom? Perhaps it is time for you to ask the Lord to help you prioritize his kingdom in your life in a new and fresh way.
- 2. What extraordinary kingdom project is the Lord calling you to do in this season of your life? Every ordinary task positions us to become instruments so that his kingdom may come and his will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. Whether you are a stay at home parent, at your job, retired or whatever season of life you are in, the kingdom of God wants to bring God's righteousness wherever his people are. Are you ready to join him in making things right?