

Generosity
Part 2: Contentment
Matthew 6:24-34

1. Trust in God's Provision: because God will supply all of your needs.

So Jesus says, “²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. ... ²⁸And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰If that is how God clothes the grass of the field”
Matthew 6:26, 28-30

¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19 (also see Psalm 23:1; 34:10; 37:4, 25; Prov. 3:9-10; Malachi 3:10; Matt. 7:7-11; Luke 6:38; Rom. 8:32; Heb. 13:5)

⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ... ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:8, 11

2. Trust in God's Passion: because God loves you and passionately cares about the details of your life.

So Jesus says, “²⁶Look at the birds of the airAre you not much more valuable than they? ... ³⁰If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?”
Matthew 6:26, 30

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.
⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:6-7 (see also Luke 12:6-7; 1 John 5:14-15)

3. Trust in God's Plan: because God is using you to build a Kingdom that lasts forever.

So Jesus says, “³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.
Matthew 6:31-34

Bottom line: The more we focus on worldly stuff, the more stressed out and burned out we'll be. The more we focus on building God's Kingdom and taking life one day at a time, the more **confidence** and **contentment** we'll enjoy.

