

"Playing with Worry" Playing with Fire Series Pastor Mark

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"Everything that does not come from faith is <u>sin</u>." Romans 14:23

Worry is the sin of distrusting the **PROMISES & POWER** of God.

- "For God did not give us a spirit of <u>fear</u> (worry). He gave us a spirit of <u>power</u> and of <u>love</u> and of a <u>good mind</u>." 2 Timothy 1:7
- "Do <u>not worry</u> about your <u>life</u>, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?" Matthew 6:25

3 Statements that will help us stop the stranglehold of worry:

- 1) "I will do what God ASKS ME TO DO."
 - "Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourself, but <u>do what it says</u>." James 1:22
 - 2 things God will ask us to do:
 - a) God will ask me to **<u>THINK</u>** on the right things.
 - + "....take every thought captive to make it obedient to Christ." 2 Corinthians 10:5
 - + Philippians 4:8
 - b) God will ask me to do what is **WISE**.
- 2) "I will give God what I CAN'T DO"
 - "Do not be anxious about <u>anything</u>, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will <u>guard your heart</u> and <u>your minds</u> in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7
- 3) "No matter what, I will TRUST GOD."
 - "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and then all these other things will be given to you, as well. Therefore, <u>do not worry about tomorrow</u>, for tomorrow will worry about itself." Matthew 6:33-34
 - "Trust in the Lord with <u>all your heart</u> and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your <u>paths straight</u>." Proverbs 3:5-6