

Why worry when God cares for us?

Matthew 6:25-34

Many worries

High inflation
/cost of living

Family crisis

Health problems



Political instability

Climate change /
disasters

Social media / AI
abuse

Sermon of the mount (5-7)

- Beatitudes: character of the believers (5:3-10)
- Jesus fulfilled the Law and taught us what is righteous living (5:17-20)
- Live for God only, not men, to see (6:1-14)
- Hear and apply His teaching are wise...building on the rock (7:24-27)

Righteous living

- ²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?
- ²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If 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?

- ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For 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. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Worry is real

- Is life more than our need for food and drink or clothes?
- Birds and flowers as examples of God's detailed care of His creation.
- Do we believe God knows our need and cares? A heart matter.

What is life about?

- Food, clothes and shelter...basic needs.
- Fact: need money to provide them for our loved ones...are valid concerns.
- Bigger questions about life?
...meaning of life

What is the issue here?

- Preoccupation with them
- Excessive worry or anxiety...peace of mind affected
- How is our heart? Is our heart at peace with God?

Truth about worry:

- Cannot add an hour to life (v 27)...no gain
- Men of little faith (v 30)...lack trust in God
- Cannot remove the trouble of each day(v 34)
- Worry may lead to emotional / mental crisis and add more trouble

Worry reflect the heart (6:19-24)

- ¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven... ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- ²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

- ²⁴ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Heart desire

- Which treasure do we desire and store up? (vv19,21)

A: desire heaven-treasure .

- Are we devoted and desire God or money? (v24)

A: desire God not money.



Eyes as lamp of the body

- portal or gateway to heart
- Eyes...reflect our heart
- How you see reality determines whether you are in the dark or light. (John Piper)
- Healthy eyes...light to help make the right choice
- Desire heavenly treasure and God

Unhealthy eyes lead to worry

- Unhealthy eyes...wrong perception about money and earthly treasures(6:22)
- Heart is drawn to and desire earthly treasure and is devoted to money(6:19,24)

Treasures are...

- What we perceive as of high value...which we labor after wholeheartedly
- Store up...give our time and resources to accumulate
- Material things...money, cars, property
- Ambitions and goals in study and work
- Social media abuse

Love for them...the problem

- These things are not the problem, but the love for them are. (1 John 2:15)



Money is not evil...

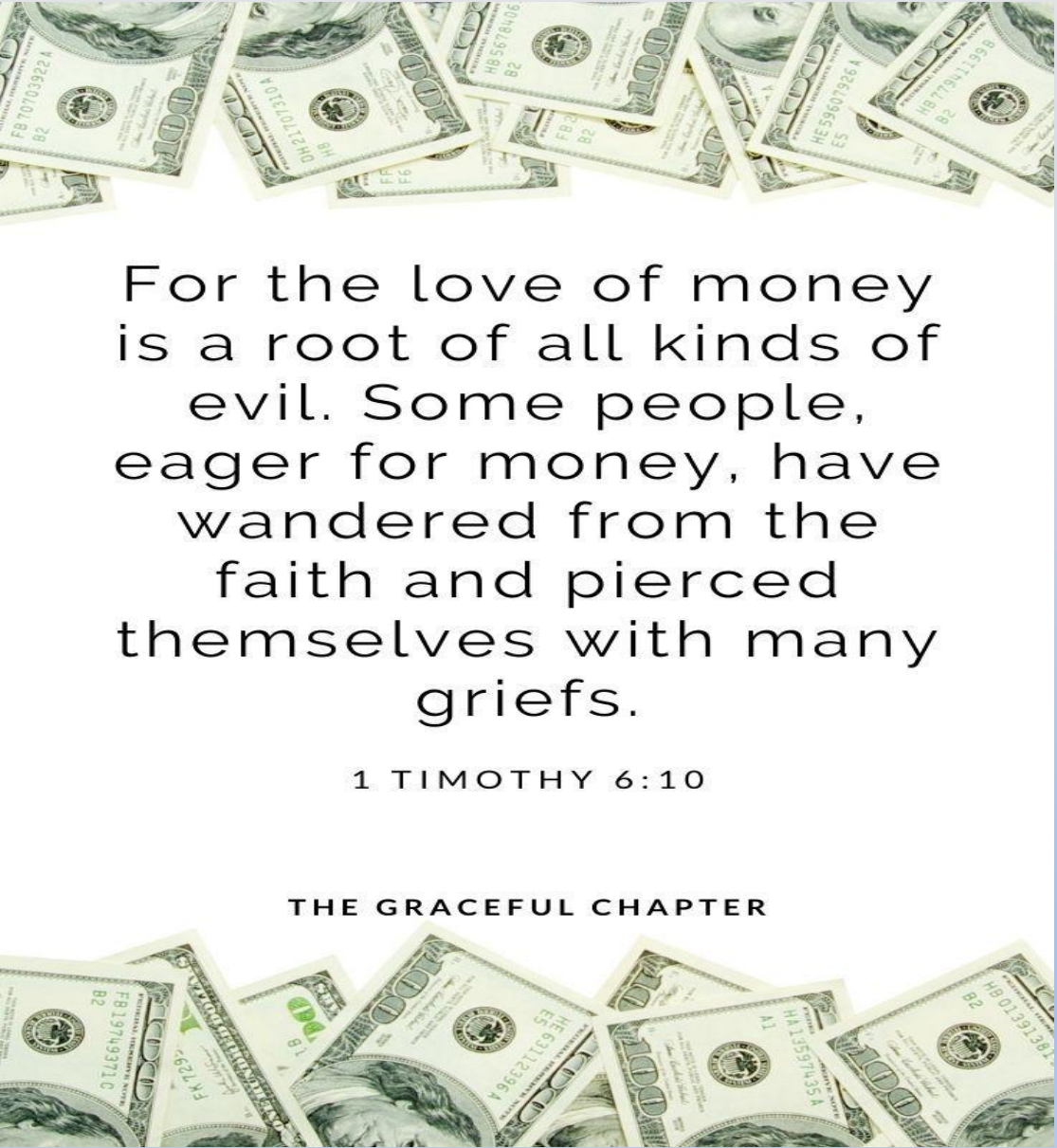
THE LOVE OF MONEY
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1 TIMOTHY 6:10 (NIV)



- Money(material things) is neutral, but love for money makes it our master
- Love of money...root of all evil (1 Timothy 6:10)
- When we love money...we become its slave

Eager for money



For the love of money
is a root of all kinds of
evil. Some people,
eager for money, have
wandered from the
faith and pierced
themselves with many
griefs.

1 TIMOTHY 6:10

THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER

- Wander from the faith...lose the fellowship God our Father
- Pierce themselves with many griefs...fail to draw the strength and help, mercy and grace available for believers (Heb4:16)

Instead of worry...chose God

- Look **at** the birds and flowers of the fields (vv25-26)
- Look **to** God who cares for the birds and flowers (vv26,30)
- Look **to** God who cares for you (vv26b,30b)

Look to God for He cares for you

God can

- Add the hours, days and years to your life
- Dress you better than king Solomon and the flowers
- Feed you with better food and drink
- Can help you solve the trouble of tomorrow (and today)

Provide for our needs

Look at creation:

- Look at the birds and flowers
- We are more precious to Him



Look to God:

God supplies our needs

"He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"
– Romans 8:32; NIV



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- look to Him for our daily needs
- He knows what we need and will provide them because He cares.



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**ACCORDING TO HIS
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WORK WITHIN US.**

~ Ephesians 3:20 NIV

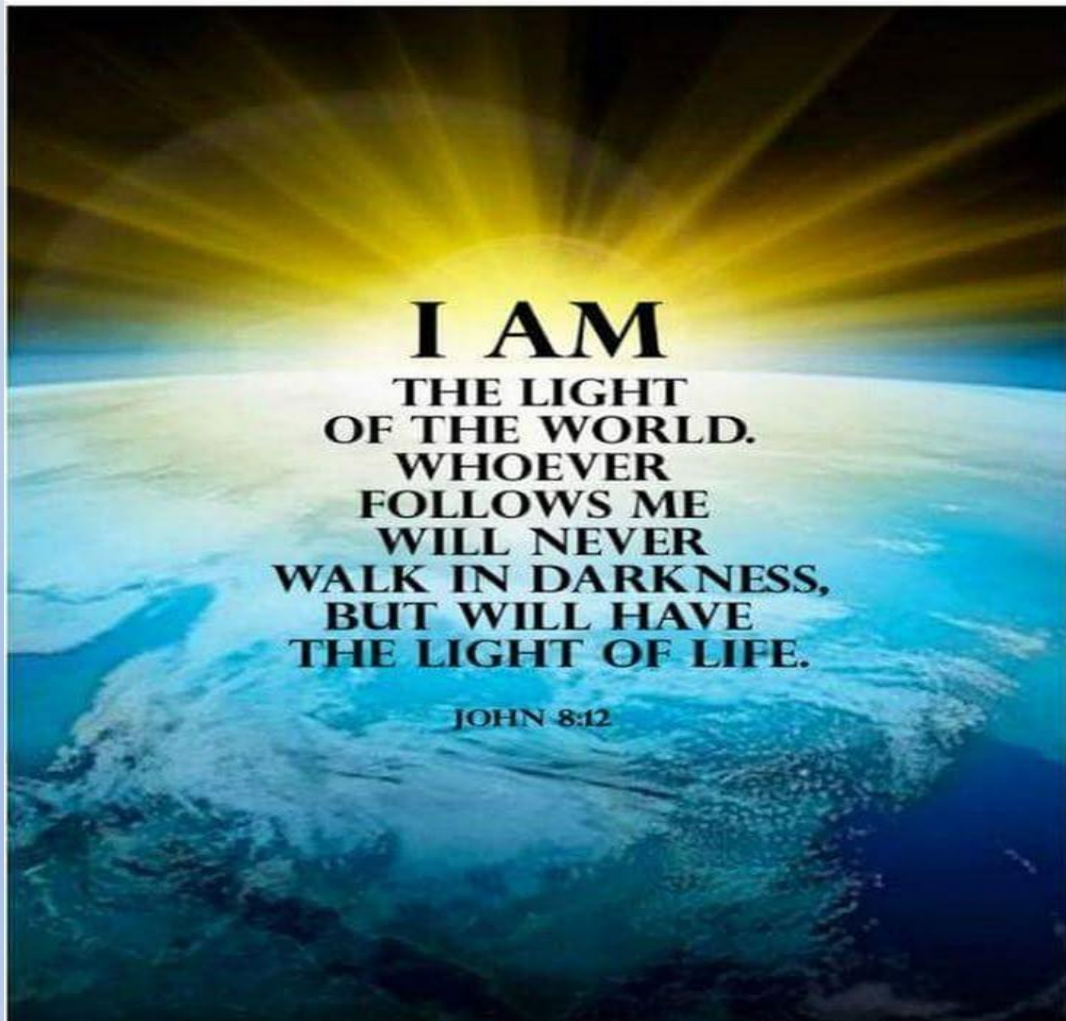
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Look with healthy eyes...

- Healthy eyes see and perceive the true reality of things
- Jesus, who is the Light of life, can give us eyes full of Light

Jesus is the Light (John 8:12)



- “the people living in darkness have seen a great light; those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” (Matt 4:16/Isa 9:1,2)
- If Jesus is your Light, you will never see and walk in darkness.

Store heavenly treasures:

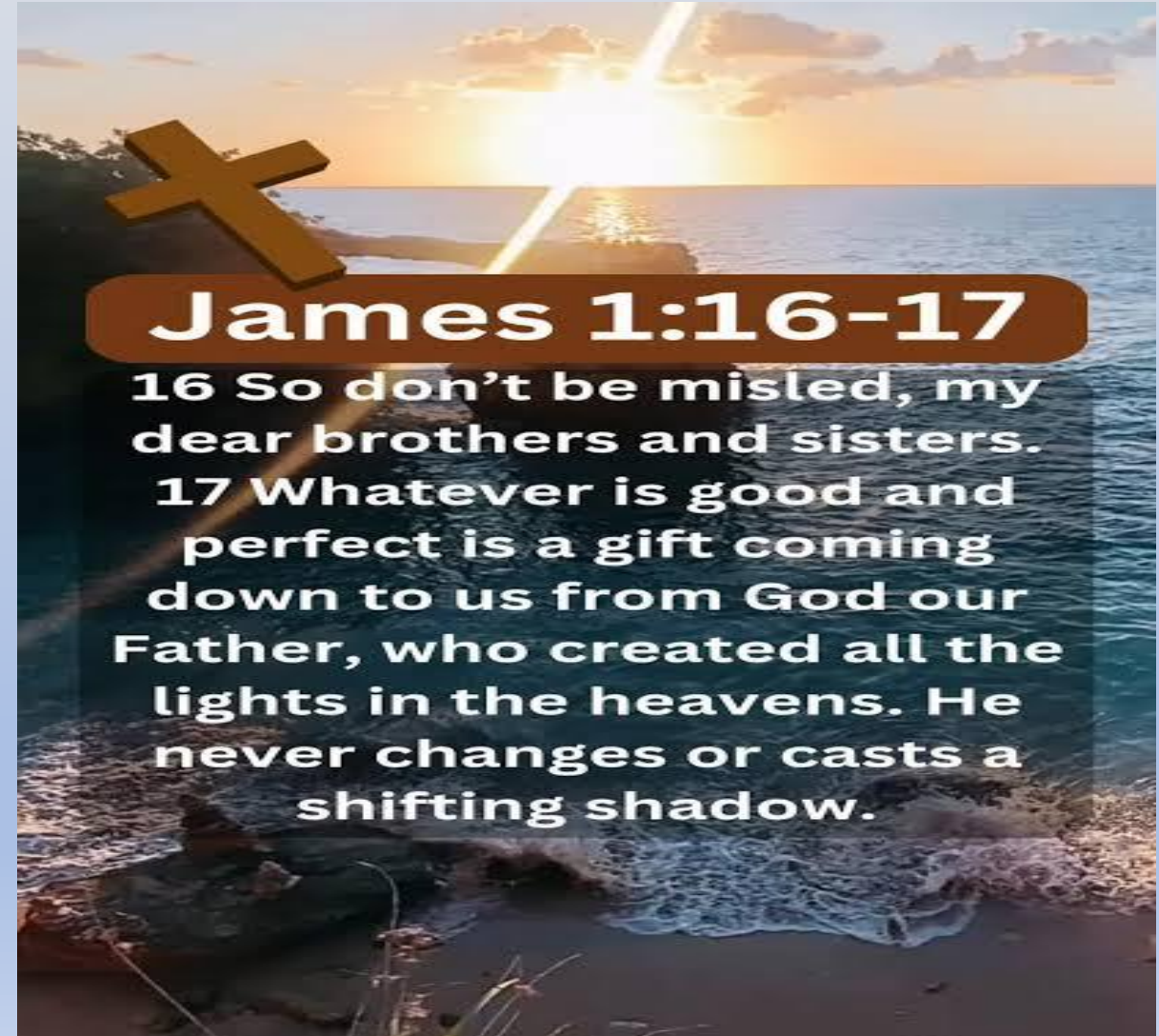
- Heaven treasures...crown of life and righteousness
- Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things (Colossians 3:3)
- One who perseveres...receive the crown of life (James 1:12)
- Faithful...I will give you the crown of life (Rev 2:10)
- Kept the faith...crown of righteousness (2 Tim 4:7-8)

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, **I have kept the faith.** Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which **the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me** on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

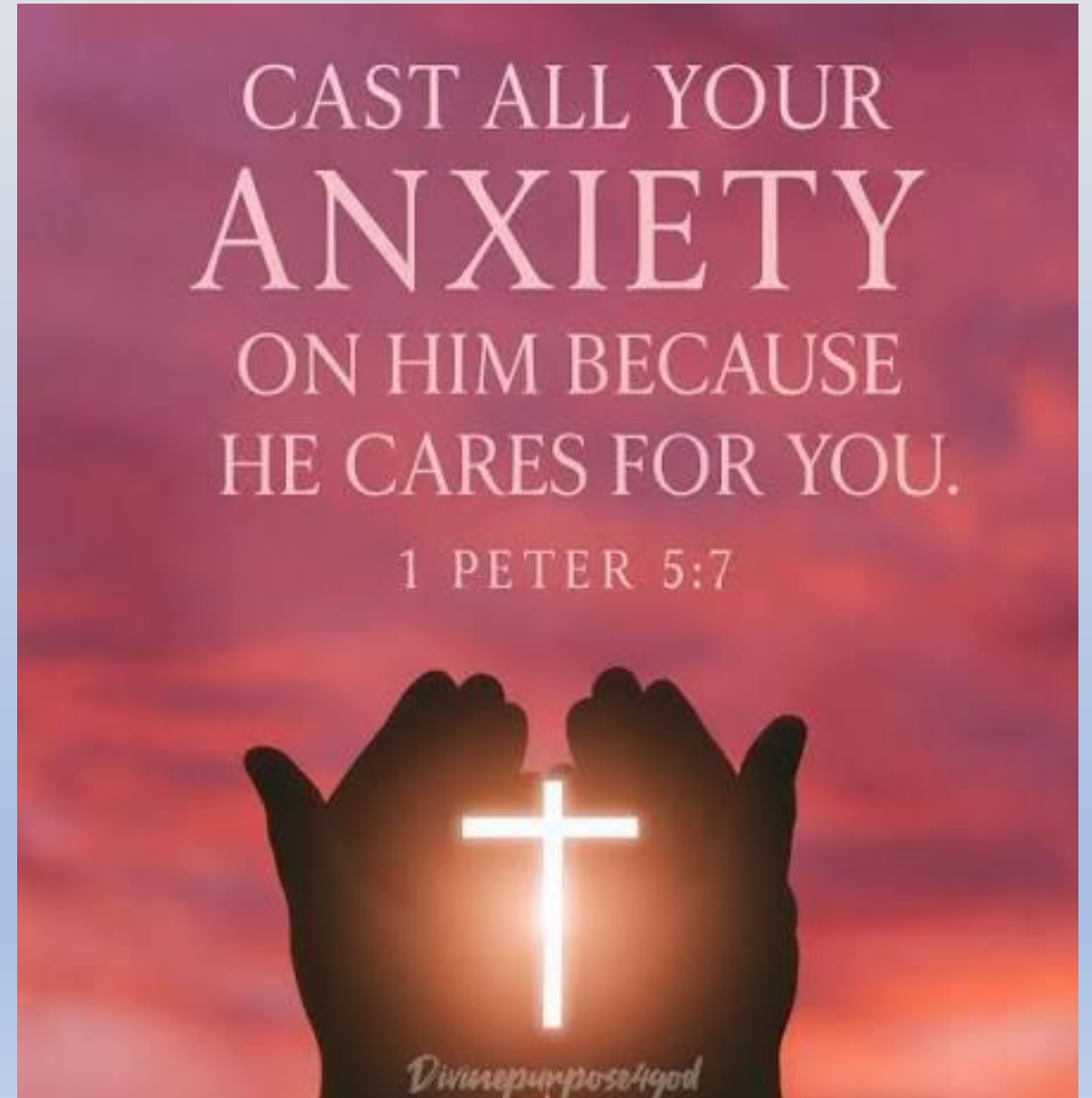
2 Timothy 4:7-8

Seek His kingdom

- Seek His kingdom and righteousness (6:24,33)
...His will and purpose
- Because He is good and give good gifts



We pray...





**Do not be anxious
about anything,**
but in every situation,
by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.
And the peace of God,
which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and
your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

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- When we pray with thanksgiving, the peace of God will guard us from worry (Phil 4:6-7)

Application:

Heart of the matter is the heart

Worry reflect your heart condition

Look to God

ASK
AND IT WILL BE
GIVEN TO YOU;
SEEK
AND YOU WILL FIND
KNOCK
AND IT WILL BE OPEN
TO YOU.
MATTHEW 7:7

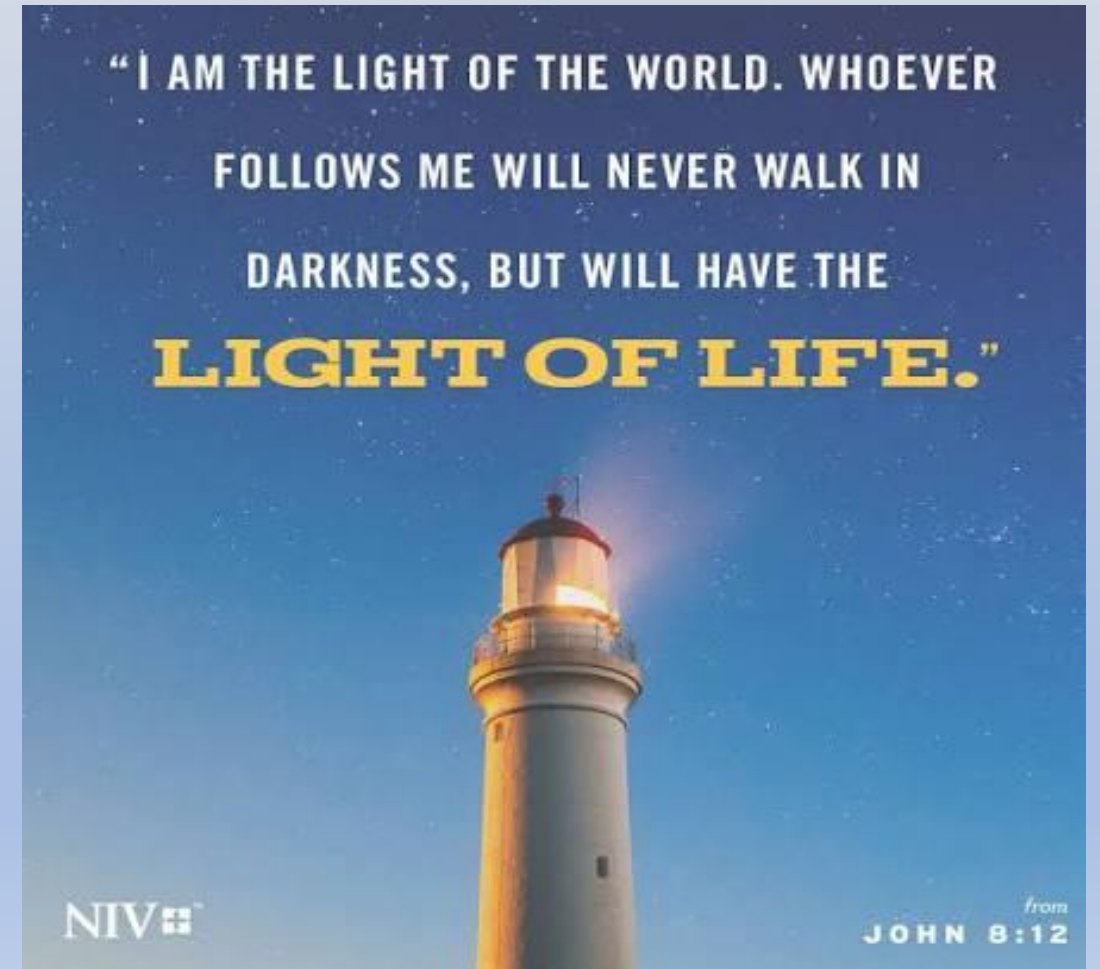
- Are you anxious about...exams, work datelines, promotions or plans for work and leisure?
- Pray/Ask in faith
- Promise...will be given...will find...will be open (Matt 7:7)

- Are you not much more valuable than the birds and the grass?
- He will only give you good gifts

- If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! (Matthew 7:11)

Jesus is the Light

- Is your eyes healthy?
Have your receive Jesus
who is the Light?
- Healthy eyes...look to
God with faith and trust
in His goodness



Where is your heart?

- Are you devoted to Jesus Christ as Lord and Master?
- Give your heart to Him

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YOU AS WELL”**

MATTHEW 6:33

Do not worry

**God knows your need
and cares for you!**

Be thou my vision

- Be thou my vision...thy
presence my light
- High king of heaven...my
treasure thou art
- Still be my vision...O ruler
of all