

# SERMON OUTLINE

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## Things We Cannot Control

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### I. Introduction

- A. Can lead to worry, anxiety, anger, and fear
- B. Jesus teaches us how to view things we cannot control - Luke 12

### II. Choosing Our Life's Philosophy: Trust vs. Control

- A. A Single-Minded Approach to Life - Luke 12:16-21
  - 1. This man was a great businessman - focused, determined, wise
  - 2. But was focused on the wrong thing (emptiness) - fool
- B. Find the "More" in Life - Luke 12:22-23
  - 1. We tend to worry about what is of ultimate importance
  - 2. Sad if we worry about what is ultimately NOT important
- C. Trust God's Provision - Luke 12:24
  - 1. Overcoming worry is a matter of humility and faith
  - 2. Do we believe God WILL provide?
- D. Accept That God Is In Control Not You - Luke 12:25-26
  - 1. Worry is wrestling with what we can't control
  - 2. I am not in control of anything - arrogance
- E. Find Beauty Beyond Measure with God - Luke 12:27-28
  - 1. Don't doubt what God can do!
  - 2. Which will we choose? Faith or Worry?

### III. Our Way of Life - Luke 12:29-34

- A. Seek His Kingdom - Luke 12:31  
Analyze what you seek in life
- B. See the Victory in Everything - Luke 12:32  
Look at what you fear, evaluate your faith
- C. Trade for What Is Eternal - Luke 12:33-34  
Put it all on the line - trust God!

### IV. Examples

- A. Stop worrying about the hypocrites - Luke 12:1-2
- B. Stop worrying about the impact of God's word - Luke 12:3
- C. Stop worrying about what people say and do about your relationship with God - Luke 12:4-7
- D. Stop worrying about what you will say - Luke 12:8-12
- E. Stop worrying about what you don't have - Luke 12:13-15