

**TEXT: Matthew 6:31-34**

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

**TITLE: FATHER KNOWS BEST**

### **INTRODUCTION**

**Do you really desire to be happy? Then, the real issue is following God’s plan for your life. Perspective, Priority, and Obedience bring real freedom in the life of God’s children.**

**Obedience is the expression of a reverent heart:**

**John 14:21-23**

*“Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.’ Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, ‘But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?’ Jesus replied, ‘If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.’”*

**ILL...A Focus Is Required To Be Obedient**

**Orchestra: Musicians focus on the one – the Conductor**

**Christians focus on the One – Jesus Christ**

**Hebrews 12:2**

*“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*

**T.S...Stewardship is a love response to God by His children.**

**I. FATHER KNOWS BEST ABOUT THINGS**

**Matthew 32-33**

**We are to love God and people.**

**Our society tends to love things and exploit people.**

**We are to know that our God knows the things we have need of. God desires us to be steward over things not servant to things:**

**Listen to some great men of the past talk about things:**

**ILL... \*The poorest man I know is the man who has nothing but money – John D. Rockefeller, Jr.**

**\*The more a man has, the more he wants. Instead of “things” filling a vacuum, it makes one. – Benjamin Franklin**

**\*Too many people spend money they haven't earned to buy things they don't want, to impress people they don't like. – Will Rogers**

**\*The man who gains “things” has four metallic attributes: gold in his palm, silver on his tongue, brass in his face, and iron in his heart – Abraham Lincoln**

**T.S... God knows that you need things and will make sure, our needs are met. God help us to not allow our desires dominate our needs.**

## **II. FATHER KNOWS BEST ABOUT TIME**

**Matthew 6:34**

***“Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.”***

**Yesterday is a canceled check,  
Tomorrow is a promissory note,  
Today is the only cash you have  
so, spend it wisely.**

**APPL... Time has a way of slipping away from us. By the time you get a grip on time its history.**

**\*Anxiety is elevated when you look toward tomorrow burdened by things in the present.**

**\*It is time for the child of God to remember:**

- **The value of time**
- **The success of perseverance**
- **The pleasure of working**
- **The dignity of simplicity**
- **The worth of character**
- **The power of kindness**
- **The influence of example**
- **The virtue of patience**
- **The freedom of obedience**
- **The joy of service**

**ILL...Brother and Sisters in Christ, it's time to give our all to Jesus.**

**\*No one ever goes to the hair salon and requests:  
"Cut only one side of my head and leave the other  
side alone."**

**\*No one only gets the fingernails on one hand  
polished.**

**\*No one consistently pays only half the rent.**

**APPL...God, help us to stop with half-hearted  
commitment.**

**T.S...Time wasted is existence, time used is life.**

## **CONCLUSION**

**This is our time to be responsible.**

**\*The steward recognizes Jesus as the Lord of our Life.**

**\*The steward understands that God owns all things.**

**\*The steward purposes to love God and his neighbors as himself.**

**I Corinthians 4:2**

***“Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.”***

**HOW FAITHFUL ARE YOU?**