



**JOY-DRIVEN**  
Matthew 6:25-34

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Good morning, Church! Today I will be sharing various passages of Scripture that have significantly formed my desire and drive to live life according to God's Will! The Word of God, or the Good Book as some call it, has deeply formed me as a person. I am glad to be sharing verses that profoundly resonate with me. Many of these passages have encouraged me for most of my life.

**1) The Word of God Combats Anxiety** (Matt. 6:25-34; Phil. 4:6-7)

*"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."*

**Matthew 6:25-34 NIV**

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. **7** And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

**Philippians 4:6-7 NIV**

**2) The Word of God Generates Mature Character** (Prov. 1:4-5, 9:8-9; Ps. 51:10-12)

*"These proverbs will give insight to the simple, knowledge and discernment to the young. **5** Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser. Let those with understanding receive guidance."* **Proverbs 1:4-5 NLT**

*"Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you; rebuke the wise and they will love you. **9** Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning."* **Proverbs 9:8-9 NIV**

*"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. **11** Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. **12** Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."* **Psalms 51:10-12 NIV**

### **3) The Word of God Defines Priorities that are of the Utmost Importance in Life**

(Mark 12:29-31)

*"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. **30** Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' **31** The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."*

**Mark 12:29-31 NIV**

### **4) The Word of God Reveals a Plan that Impacts People for Eternity**

(2 Cor. 1:3-4; Jude 1:20-23)

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, **4** who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."*

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NIV**

*"But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, **21** keep yourselves in the love of God, looking forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. **22** And have mercy on some, who are doubting; **23** save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh."* **Jude 1:20-23 NASB**