



“The Cares of This Life” Wed Mar 2, 2022

I. **Luke 21:34-36**

A. The Problem: Overcharged

1. **Burdened**
2. Cares – Distractions (Name some things that can be distractions in your daily walk with God.)
3. **Mark 4:18-19** – Satan knows how powerful the Word of God is; he also is well aware of what distractions can do.

B. The Answer: Watch & Pray

1. What should you be watching for? The open door in heaven (preceded by signs in the heavens, moon, and stars...end time prophecy).
2. What should you be praying? The same prayer Jesus prayed: **John 17:15** (The church has been praying in error, “Take us home, Come quickly Lord...”; we should be about our Father’s business with total awareness of the times, expecting God to show us the way and keep us in every way!)

If Jesus came back today, tomorrow, or even next week...would you be ready?

II. Give it to God

A. **1 Peter 5:6-7**

1. Every Christian has heard this phrase over and over again: “Just give it to God.” But no one explains how to actually do it!
2. How do I give my cares to God? **Vs. 6** gives us the beginning of the answer: **Humble yourself** (the only way to humble yourself is to STOP doing things your way; when you stop, then you are able to listen; and when you are in a place to listen, you will have the opportunity to experience the presence of the Lord. It is in this moment, that all weights and burdens can be given over to the Lord!)
3. **James 4:8** “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” God wants to take your cares tonight, but he cannot take from you what you are unwilling to let go!

B. **Praying the God-kind of prayer (words of your mouth and praise)**

1. “Lord, I give you these burdens; I give you my cares. I praise you with my whole heart and I thank you that my mind is at perfect peace and my heart is steadfast on your Word. Thank you, Lord for perfecting all things that concern me!”
2. “This is the day that the Lord has made; I will rejoice....”