

**Applied Discipleship:
Anxious or Ambitious?**

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What is the most important decision that a follower of Jesus Christ makes every day? It is the decision of what kingdom you will pursue or seek first that day. This choice is stated negatively in 3 repeated prohibitions . . . do not be anxious. The decision is stated positively in verse 33 . . . seek first the kingdom of God.

The prohibition.

Do not be anxious

What are you to stop doing?

The motivation.

Is not life more?

Why can you stop being anxious?

- 5 Questions: 1. Is not life more than the material, external and temporal? 25
 2. Are you more valuable than birds? 26
 3. Can you add to your height or length of life? 27
 4. Are you less important than flowers and grass? 28-30
 5. Can you know and solve tomorrows troubles today? 34

- 3 Truth Statements: 1. God gives and sustains all life. 26, 30
 2. God knows your needs. 32
 3. God provides all you need. 33

The choice to pursue.

Seek first what God is doing.

How can you stop being anxious?

Take Aways

1. Examine your heart for evidence of genuine conversion.
2. Identify and turn from specific non-kingdom ambitions and stimulants.
3. Commit to a daily time of decision to seek hard after God.

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Colossians 3:1-4