

### 3 questions

**Question #1:** "Does this passage mean I don't have to work?"

*2 Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."*

**Question #2:** "If God promises to feed and clothe His children, why is there starvation?"

**Question #3:** "Are Christians exempt from 'trouble'?"

*Matthew 6:34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

### Seek His kingdom and His righteousness

*Matt. 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."*

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## Ambition and Anxiety

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Matthew 6:25-34; August 31, 2014

### ■ "What, Me Worry?" ■

*Matthew 6:25 "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 important than food, and the body more important than clothes?"*

*Matthew 6:19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.*

*<sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.*

*<sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

*<sup>22</sup> "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light.*

■ *<sup>23</sup> But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!* ■

*<sup>24</sup> "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."*

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## Secular ambition: *material* "security"

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